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"Peace of Justice"—

Prayer of His Holiness, Pope Pius XII

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—Excerpt from the Appeal of His Holiness, Pope Pius XII, for World Peace as broadcast from Vatican City, November 24, 1940. (See page 4.)

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—Pope Pius XI.

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OUR COMMON CATHOLIC INTERESTS

Plea of His Holiness Pope Pius XII for World Peace

BESEECHING Catholics and non-Catholic Christians of the world to unite with him in forming "one immense choir of suppliants," His Holiness Pope Pius XII, in a special broadcast from Vatican City Sunday, November 24, prayed with an eloquence permeated throughout with deep anguish for the end of the present tortuous strife among nations and for the realization of a true peace based on justice and love.

As Catholics and many of their brethren outside the True Fold knelt in a day of prayer for which the Sovereign Pontiff himself had called, the Holy Father's voice went out over the ether waves, bespeaking his sorrow over the afflictions of so many peoples today, but he offered the consolation that "the consummation of the world is not yet come" and that "Christ is with us all the days, even in the midst of wars and rumors of wars." He prayed further for the restoration of Christ's peace, so that, through Our Lord, at last "may the land and sea be calmed" and "whirlwinds, that in the light of day or in the dark of night scatter terror, fire, destruction and slaughter on humble folk, cease."

THE justice, which His Holiness said is so necessary for the establishment of peace among men, "soothes passions, allays hatreds, quenches rancor and bickerings" and helps to bring about "an order which would tend to give to every people in tranquillity, in liberty and in security that portion which belongs to each, of the earthly sources of prosperity and power, so as to make possible the fulfillment of the words of the Creator: 'Increase and multiply, and fill the earth.'"

The Pontiff's great solicitude for the victims of the present international conflict was voiced in his prayer for the repose of those "swept to their death in this whirlwind of war"; for "peace and consolation, resignation and health" for exiles, refugees, prisoners and wounded; and for a softening of the grief of "wives, mothers, orphans and whole families" bereft by war.

"THIS vale of tears," His Holiness exclaimed, "is now so inundated with fresh tears to be dried on the faces of children, mothers, men and aged ones who feel a sense of cruel abandonment in their loves and lives, especially in this turbulent hour when the terrible conflict, instead of subsiding, goes on to gather new ferocity." But, he added, "if the din of war seems to overcome and drown out Our voice, We turn Our gaze away from earth to Heaven, to the Father of Mercies and to the God of all comfort (2d Corinthians, 1:3), Who contemplates all here below and commands the flow of the ocean."

The Holy Father recalled that "from the outset of the conflict, Our attention and thoughts have never ceased to secure, in so far as We could, that Divine purpose and human aid might be extended to those whom the clash of arms has caused loss and suffering."

HE expressed the hope that the prayers and sacrifices which the Church, "on bended knee," offered to Our Lord, "Priest and Victim," through the Blessed Mother, will render Him propitious. "Thou hast words which penetrate and overcome hearts," His Holiness went on, "which enlighten intellects, which assuage anger and extinguish hates and revenge.

Speak that word which will still the storm, which will heal the sick, which is light to the blind and hearing to the deaf and life to the dead."

"Peace among men, which Thou desirest, is dead," the Holy Father's prayer continued. "Bring it back to life, O Divine Conqueror of death." Then he added: "May justice and charity on one side and on the other be in perfect balance, so that all injustice be repaired, and the reign of right restored, all discord and rancor be banished from men's minds. And may there arise, and gather strength in contemplation of a new and harmonious prosperity, true and well-ordered peace that will permanently unite as brothers, through the ages, in harmonious search of high good, all peoples of the human race in Thy sight."

THE Holy Father begged all not to despair, but to turn their eyes "from earth to Heaven," asking from God "better days for the human race, better dawns and better sunsets to our days."

Prayer of His Holiness, Pope Pius XII, for Peace of Concord and Justice

To this prayer His Holiness, Pope Pius XII, has attached an indulgence of 500 *days which is applicable to the souls in Purgatory.*

O, OUR FATHER Who art in Heaven, O God, our strength, turn Thy gaze toward Christ Thy Son. Behold the crimson marks of His Wounds, to which He was brought by His love for us and His obedience to Thee, through which He ever wished to be our Advocate and Peacemaker.

O JESUS, our Saviour, speak to Thy Father for us, intercede with Him for us, for Thy Church, for all men who have been won by Thy blood. O Peace-bringing King, O Prince of Peace! Thou Who hast the keys of life and death, grant the peace of eternal rest to the souls of all the faithful who have been swept to their death in this whirlwind of war and have been known and unknown, wept and unwept, and buried beneath the ruins of cities and villages destroyed, or have met their deaths on gory plains, on war-torn hillsides, in gorges and valleys or in the depths of the sea.

MAY Thy purifying Blood descend on them in their pains, to wash their mantles and render them worthy and bright in Thy blessed sight. Do Thou, O loving Comforter of the afflicted, Who didst weep at the tears of Martha and Mary desolate for their brother, grant peace and consolation, resignation and health to those poor people who are overcome by the sorrows and tribulations of war's calamities, to exiles, to refugees, to unknown wanderers, to prisoners and to the wounded, who trust in Thee.

DRY abundant tears of wives, mothers, orphans, of whole families, of so many left destitute; heavy tears falling on the bread of sorrow, eaten after long fast in cold hovels; bread divided between children who often have been brought to Thy altars in a little church to pray for father or elder brother, dead perhaps, or wounded, or missing.

CONSOLE them all with Divine gifts and with those helps and that effective charitable relief which Thou canst suggest to kindly souls who recognize in the afflicted and unfortunate their brothers and love them as Thy image. Give to the combatants, together with heroism in fulfillment of their duty, even to the supreme sacrifice in defense of their native land, that noble sense of humanity by which they will not, no matter in what circumstances, do to others that which they would not have done to themselves or their country (Matthew 7:12).

O LORD, may the charity of Thy Divine Spirit reign and triumph over the world. May the peace of concord and justice among nations be restored. May our prayers be acceptable and welcome to Thy meek and humble heart. May the numbers and devotion of Holy Sacrifices which the Church, Thy Spouse, on bended knee, offers Thee, Priest and Victim eternally, to Thy Divine Father, render Thee propitious toward us. Thou hast words which penetrate and overcome hearts, which enlighten intellects, which assuage anger and extinguish hates and revenge. Speak that word which will still the storm, which will heal the sick, which is light to the blind and hearing to the deaf and life to the dead.

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WARNING AGAINST INCREASING OFFENSE *in* FILMS ISSUED *by* BISHOPS' MOTION PICTURE COMMITTEE

STRONG protest against the "increasing objectionable tendencies which lately have become manifest in films" is registered in a statement issued by the Episcopal Committee on Motion Pictures on the 13th of November.

The statement, issued during the annual meeting of the Archbishops and Bishops of the United States, urged all Catholics, especially parents, to "renew their vigilance against the pernicious influence of films which disregard the moral law and subvert the foundations of Christian society."

The statement notes efforts made by producers in the recent past to improve the moral character of motion picture entertainment, but warns that "some of the good ground gained has been lost."

The Episcopal Committee consists of the Most Rev. John T. McNicholas, O.P., Archbishop of Cincinnati, chairman; the Most Rev. John J. Cantwell, Archbishop of Los Angeles; the Most Rev. Hugh C. Boyle, Bishop of Pittsburgh; the Most Rev. John F. Noll, Bishop of Fort Wayne, and the Most Rev. Stephen J. Donahue, Auxiliary Bishop of New York. The text of the statement follows:

"WHILE in the recent past it has been our pleasure to note the efforts which cinema producers have made to improve the moral character of motion picture entertainment, and to express our appreciation of results obtained, it now becomes our duty to warn our people that some of the good ground gained has been lost. Evidence is accumulating that there is a partial return to practices against which the voice and authority of the Catholic Church in the United States vigorously protested in 1934.

"In this protest concurred multitudes not of the Catholic Faith who also were deeply concerned about films which threatened the morals of the young, the family, and the nation.

"OUR responsibility for the welfare of souls makes it incumbent upon us to do everything in our power to prevent the exposure of our people to the incalculable evil of the immoral cinema. We therefore register our strong protest against the increasing objectionable tendencies which lately have become manifest in films.

"We urge our Catholic people, especially parents, to renew their vigilance against the pernicious influence of films which disregard the moral law and subvert the foundations of Christian society.

"WE call upon priests and people to maintain and strengthen diocesan organization of the Legion of Decency in each diocese, and to coordinate efforts with the National Office of the Legion in New York, so that a united front may stand firmly against films morally objectionable."

The Bishops' Committee expressed gratitude to the press generally, for the support given the movement for decency in motion pictures. The committee likewise thanked the National Catholic Welfare Conference News Service for its distribution of the Legion motion picture qualifications, the Catholic Press for its publication of these ratings, and the Motion Picture Department of the International Federation of Catholic Alumnae for its motion picture reviewing activities.

CALENDAR OF SCHEDULED CATHOLIC MEETINGS AND EVENTS

December, 1940

14-15—NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC NURSES—meeting of executive council, Pittsburgh, Pa.

27—NATIONAL CATHOLIC EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION, SECONDARY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT—fourth annual meeting of the Middle Atlantic States Regional Unit, Philadelphia, Pa.

28-30—AMERICAN CATHOLIC SOCIOLOGICAL SOCIETY—third annual convention, Chicago, Ill.

30-31—AMERICAN CATHOLIC PHILOSOPHICAL ASSOCIATION—national convention, Detroit, Mich.

April, 1941

16-18—NATIONAL CATHOLIC EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION Thirty-seventh annual convention, New Orleans, La.

May, 1941

21-24—CATHOLIC PRESS ASSOCIATION—national convention, Peoria, Ill.

25—THIRD ANNUAL SOLEMN MEMORIAL MILITARY FIELD MASS—The Amphitheater, Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Va.

June, 1941

23-26—NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS—ninth annual, St. Paul, Wis., and Minneapolis, Minn.

27-30—CATHOLIC STUDENTS' MISSION CRUSADE—12th national convention, Rochester, N. Y.

August, 1941

10-14—THETA PHI ALPHA FRATERNITY—national convention, State College, Pa.

October, 1941

5-9—NATIONAL CATHOLIC RURAL LIFE CONFERENCE—20th annual convention, Jefferson City, Mo.

THE BISHOPS' MEETING *at a* GLANCE

AT their 22d Annual Meeting, held in Washington, D. C., November 13 and 14, 1940, the Archbishops and Bishops of the United States took action on many important matters affecting the welfare of the Church both within and without the United States and the well-being of the country generally. Detailed reports of certain actions and decisions are given elsewhere, together with the full texts of the most important pronouncements issuing from the meeting. The following brief paragraphs will give the reader a general picture of the meeting and the action taken thereat.

RECEIVED from His Holiness, Pope Pius XII, a message conveying as a pledge of abundant divine grace and guidance Paternal Apostolic Benediction upon the assembly.

ALSO CONVEYED to the meeting were approval of the work of the Archbishops and Bishops of the United States through the N. C. W. C. as received in messages from His Eminence, Cardinal Maglione, Papal Secretary of State; His Eminence, Cardinal Rossi, O.C.D., Secretary of the Sacred Consistorial Congregation; His Eminence, Francesco Cardinal Marmaggi, Prefect of the Sacred Congregation of the Council; and His Eminence, Giuseppi Cardinal Pizzardo, Prefect of the Sacred Congregation of Seminaries and Universities and President of the Central Office of Catholic Action.

CABLED a message of filial homage to His Holiness, Pope Pius XII, and in reply thereto received from the Papal Secretary of State an expression of the Sovereign Pontiff's appreciation and the Apostolic Benediction of His Holiness.

CALLED attention to the appeal of Pope Pius XII for universal prayers for peace on November 24 and, taking cognizance of the Nation's peacetime efforts to defend American institutions, asked the Faithful "to give themselves unstintingly" to their Country's "defense and its lasting endurance and welfare."

RECEIVED and adopted the reports of the Episcopal Chairmen of the Administrative Board of the National Catholic Welfare Conference and re-elected the continuing board reported elsewhere.

ADOPTED a plan looking to the coordination of Catholic interests and activities stemming from the Nation's program for preparedness and the unification of all Catholic relief and refugee work.

VOTED to set up a National Catholic Community Service composed of the Administrative Board, N. C. W. C., plus the Military Vicar of the Army and Navy Ordinariate. This service, calculated to gear activities of the Church to the tempo of the times and to give life and movement to the Bishops' pledge of "most sacred and sincere loyalty to our Government and to the basic ideals of the American Republic." (See p. 8.)

HEARD a report from the Episcopal Committee on Motion Pictures protesting the "increased objectionable tendencies" lately manifest in films.

VOTED a reorganization of the American Board of Catholic Missions.

AUTHORIZED the erection of a new headquarters building for the National Catholic Welfare Conference.

INDORSED a declaration of principles drawn up by the Prison Chaplains Association as standards for religious work in penal and correctional institutions.

APPROVED of a Department of Youth within the National Catholic Welfare Conference and authorized the Administrative Board, N. C. W. C., to set up same.

AUTHORIZED the Catholic Biblical Association of America to arrange through individual Archbishops and Bishops for the observance of "Bible Day" some time next spring.

ELECTED the members of the American Board of Catholic Missions, including three new members, as reported elsewhere.

REPORTED the provision through their joint efforts of a sum in excess of $1,200,000 for the relief of suffering peoples abroad.

EFFECTED close cooperation with the United States Committee for the Care of Refugee Children, and gave encouragement to that organization in its appeal to the public for financial support.

U. S. Bishops Meet *in* 22nd Annual Session

A DOZEN actions and decisions of wide import to the welfare of the Catholic Church in the United States and to the nation itself featured the Twenty-second Annual Meeting of the American Hierarchy, held in the Nation's Capital November 11-15. Ninety-nine members of the Hierarchy attended the five-day sessions.

Through the Papal Secretary of State, His Eminence, Cardinal Maglione, Pope Pius XII, upon receipt of a message sent by His Eminence, Dennis Cardinal Dougherty, in behalf of the Archbishops and Bishops of the United States and expressing their filial homage, cabled as a pledge of abundant divine grace and guidance Paternal Apostolic Benediction upon the assembly.

Previous to the meeting, Cardinal Maglione had conveyed to the Administrative Board, N. C. W. C., "admiration for the intelligent initiative and for the assiduous labor with which the Bishops of the United States had given themselves to the task of realizing the directions and the councils of the Holy See in matters of general concern."

Also, there was reported a letter from His Eminence, Cardinal Rossi, O.C.D., Secretary of the Sacred Consistorial Congregation, in which His Eminence stated that "one cannot but admire and commend the activities which, notwithstanding these critical times, the praise-worthy association (the N. C. W. C.) has been developing from year to year to an ever-increasing extent."

OTHER praise for the achievements of the Archbishops and Bishops of the United States through the N. C. W. C. were reported from His Eminence, Francesco Cardinal Marmaggi, Prefect of the Sacred Congregation of the Council, stating that he "regarded as most far-sighted your manifold alertness which takes on new vigor as time progresses."

His Eminence, Giuseppi Cardinal Pizzardo, Prefect of the Sacred Congregation of Seminaries and Universities and President of the Central Office of Catholic Action, likewise praised the work of the N. C. W. C. in detail and sent expressions of "admiration and highest commendation of this Sacred Congregation."

The Administrative Board of the National Catholic Welfare Conference met on Monday, Tuesday and Friday, November 11, 12 and 15, at the headquarters of the N. C. W. C., while the Board of Trustees of the Catholic University of America met at the Catholic University November 12, and the General Meeting of the Bishops took place on November 13 and 14. On Thursday afternoon, November 14, the new Administrative Board was elected and the next day selected the various episcopal chairmen of the N. C. W. C. Departments.

In the course of their deliberations the Bishops adopted a plan looking to the coordination of Catholic interests and activities stemming from the national program for preparedness and the unification of all Catholic relief and refugee work; moved to set up a National Catholic Community Service composed of the Administrative Board of the N. C. W. C. and the Military Vicar of the Army and Navy Ordinariate; voted a reorganization of the American Board of Catholic Missions; authorized the erection of a new N. C. W. C. headquarters building; approved the plan for a new Department of Youth within the National Catholic Welfare Conference; and authorized the Catholic Biblical Association of America to arrange for the observance of "Bible Day" next Spring.

ESTABLISHMENT of the new Department of Youth in the N. C. W. C. under the Episcopal Chairmanship of Bishop Duffy brings the number of N. C. W. C. Departments to eight. There were six departments when the Conference came into being in 1919, these being increased to seven only a few years ago with the inauguration of the Department of Catholic Action Study.

Acting under a mandate from the General Meeting of the Bishops, the Administrative Board also took steps to coordinate the relief work which the Bishops have heretofore carried on through several independent groups. The Board itself becomes the new unifying committee on relief, with several sub-committees functioning under it as follows:

The Catholic Committee for Refugees, which will combine the work of the former Episcopal Committee for Catholic Refugees and the Bishops' Committee for Refugee Children. Archbishop Rummel has been asked to head this committee, while Bishop LeBlond, who formerly headed the work for refugee children, will serve on the central committee.

The Bishops' Committee for Eastern European Relief, of which Bishop Boyle is chairman. This rep-

Bishops Renew Loyalty to Ideals of American Republic

IN a statement which called attention to the appeal of His Holiness Pope Pius XII for universal prayers for peace on Sunday, November 24, the Archbishops and Bishop of the United States, at their twenty-second annual meeting in Washington took cognizance of the nation's extraordinary peace-time efforts to defend American institutions and pledged themselves and their flocks to "give themselves unstintingly" to their country's "defense and its lasting endurance and welfare." Following is the text of the Bishops' statement:

"IN an extraordinary personal appeal, our Most Holy Father, Pope Pius XII, has designated Sunday, November 24, as a day of universal prayer for the war-afflicted of all nations and for the establishment of just peace and the reign of charity uniting all men in brotherly love.

"OUR nation, too, determined to perpetuate its traditional devotion to peace and the prosperity of its people, has been forced by tragic and threatening world events to resort to extraordinary peace-time measures to defend our free institutions and protect our liberties. The ready acceptance of this defense program is a heartening example of national solidarity. Whatever sacrifices may be involved in defense of the Americas will be loyally borne in generous unanimity.

"CONFIDENT that the prayers of our Holy Father with his united Christian people and the peace proposals of our President and fellow citizens must prevail, the Bishops of the Catholic Church in the United States, with the flock committed to their keeping, renew their most sacred and sincere loyalty to our Government and to the basic ideals of the American Republic. Standing ever securely upon their unswerving allegiance to our nation since its foundation, they are again resolved to give themselves unstintingly to its defense and its lasting endurance and welfare."

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resents an enlargement of the former Bishops' Committee for Polish Relief, but the funds collected for Polish relief will be kept intact for that purpose.

The Bishops' Committee on the Mexican Seminary, of which Bishop Gannon is chairman.

THIS action followed a statement in which it was reported that more than $1,200,000 has been provided by the Bishops of the United States for relief of suffering peoples abroad, this amount being in addition to sums, believed considerable, which Catholics throughout the country have contributed to general appeals for relief funds, such as the Red Cross roll calls and similar drives. The Bishops' Committee for Polish Relief reported to the State Department, as of September 30, that a total of $383,240.84 had been collected for that purpose, while the Episcopal Committee for Catholic Refugees announced that, as of September 30, it had collected a total of $347,332.60 for its work.

A total of $506,000 has been expended by the Bishops of the United States for welfare and educational work among Mexicans, including the establishment of the new seminary at Las Vegas, N. Mex., to train Mexican candidates for the priesthood. It was also reported that the American Bishops made available more than $30,000 for relief of those who suffered losses in the Chile earthquake. Early this year the Bishops' Committee for Polish Relief sent His Holiness, Pope Pius XII, $156,000 for use in the Sovereign Pontiff's program of relief for the Poles. In addition the Bishops made available to His Eminence, August Cardinal Hlond, Archbishop of Gneisen and Posen, the sum of $10,000 for Polish relief work he was conducting in Rome. They also made available $10,000 to Archbishop Ciriaci, Papal Nuncio to Portugal, for care of Polish refugees in that country, while a sum was sent to Archbishop Caruana, Papal Nuncio to Cuba, for relief of Polish refugees there. It was estimated that the Bishops have aided the stricken people of China to the extent of $100,000.

The Bishops pointed out that in setting up the National Catholic Community Service they were giving life and movement to their pledge of "most sacred and sincere loyalty to our Government and to the basic ideals of the American Republic." The statement added that "standing ever securely upon their unswerving allegiance to our nation since its foundation, they are again resolved to give themselves unstintingly to its defense and its lasting endurance and welfare."

THE reorganization of the American Board of Catholic Missions consisted in the addition of three new members. The personnel of the Board elected is:

Archbishop Stritch, Chairman; and Bishops Boyle, Kelley, J. Noll, McLaughlin, Swint, O'Brien, Auxiliary of Chicago; and Cushing, Auxiliary of Boston.

The Bishops also endorsed a declaration of principles drawn up by the Prison Chaplains' Association as standards for religious work in penal and correctional institutions. The declaration includes the following points:

Appropriate facilities and equipment for the conduct of services of worship and other religious ministrations shall be provided; the chaplain shall be a responsible member of the prison administrative staff; the right of all inmates to attend religious services arranged for them by their chaplain, to free counsel with their spiritual advisers, and to religious instruction shall be recognized and opportunities for these provided; and the chaplain shall encourage the interest of religious and socially

minded groups and enlist their active support in the continued spiritual care and development of the inmate upon release.

In response to a request presented on behalf of the Catholic Biblical Association of America, the Bishops authorized that organization to communicate directly with the individual Archbishops and Bishops, asking them to arrange for an observance of "Bible Day" in their respective sees next spring. This action followed a report by Bishop Edwin V. O'Hara, chairman of the Episcopal Committee of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, that the New Testament revision is now approaching completion and will be ready for printing shortly after the first of the year. He said it is probable the work will be ready for distribution in the spring, climaxing five years of work on the part of American Scripture scholars and representing the first English revision of the Vulgate in 190 years. Bishop O'Hara added the work of revising the Old Testament also is going forward.

THE purpose of "Bible Day," Bishop O'Hara said, is to call attention to the importance of the Bible in the work of the Church.

The Bishops, in a statement, protested strongly against the "increasing objectionable tendencies which lately have become manifest in films." The statement, issued by the Episcopal Committee on Motion Pictures, urged all Catholics, especially parents, to "renew their vigilance against the pernicious influence of films which disregard the moral law and subvert the foundations of Christian society." It noted the efforts by producers in the recent past to improve the moral character of motion picture entertainment, but warned that "some of the good ground gained has been lost."

"Evidence is accumulating that there is a partial return to practises against which the voice and authority of the Catholic Church in the United States vigorously protested in 1934," the statement added, and concluded by calling upon priests and people to "maintain and strengthen diocesan organization of the Legion of Decency in each diocese, and to coordinate efforts with the National Office of the Legion in New York, so that a united front may stand firmly against films morally objectionable."

The General Meeting also received and adopted the reports of the Episcopal Chairmen of the Administrative Board of the N. C. W. C.; cabled a message of filial homage to His Holiness, Pope Pius XII, and received in reply an expression of the Pontiff's appreciation and his Apostolic Benediction; and called attention to the Holy Father's appeal for universal prayers for peace on November 24.

Outlining "a few of the more important problems which have engaged the resources" of the National Catholic Welfare Conference during the last year, Archbishop Stritch reported at the first meeting of the Administrative Board that the achievements of the Conference have been warmly praised by the Vatican. He said war conditions and national defense measures at home have called heavily on the Conference's departments and made the year's work especially heavy, as shown in the various reports of the N. C. W. C. Episcopal Chairmen. The Administrative Board believes the work of the N. C. W. C. is "well organized" and that "the service rendered to vital Catholic interests is a strong defense for the welfare of the Church in the United States," Archbishop Stritch told the Bishops.

ACTING in response to the call of the then Supreme Pontiff, His Holiness, Pope Benedict XV, the Archbishops and Bishops of the United States met at the Catholic University in September, 1919, to plan a permanent organization replacing the National Catholic War Council, and have continued their meetings annually since that year. They have been privileged to receive not only from the late Pope Benedict XV and Pope Pius XI, but their successor, the present gloriously reigning Pontiff, Pope Pius XII, papal approval of their work. In a recent letter to the American

Members and Officers of Newly-Elected N. C. W. C. Administrative Board

THE Most Rev. Edward Mooney, Archbishop of detroit, Chairman; the Most Rev. John B. Peterson, Bishop of Manchester, Vice-Chairman of the Board and Episcopal Chairman of the Department of Education; the Most Rev. Francis J. Spellman, Archbishop of New York, Secretary; the Most Rev. Francis C. Kelley, Bishop of Oklahoma City and Tulsa, Treasurer of the Board and Episcopal Chairman of the Department of Lay Organizations; the Most Rev. John Gregory Murray, Archbishop of St. Paul, Episcopal Chairman of the Department of Catholic Action Study; the Most Rev. Hugh C. Boyle, Episcopal Chairman of the Legal Department; the Most Rev. Edwin V. O'Hara, Bishop of Kansas City, Episcopal Chairman of the Department of Social Action; the Most Rev. John Mark Gannon, Bishop of Erie, Episcopal Chairman of the Press Department, and the Most Rev. John A. Duffy, Bishop of Buffalo, Episcopal Chairman of the newly created Department of Youth. The Most Rev. John T. McNicholas, O.P., Archbishop of Cincinnati, is a member of the Board without portfolio. Assistant Bishops were named as follows:

The Most Rev. Emmet M. Walsh, Bishop of Charleston, Department of Lay Organizations; the Most Rev. Thomas K. Gorman, Bishop of Reno, Press Department; the Most Rev. Francis P. Keough, Bishop of Providence, Department of Education; the Most Rev. Karl J. Alter, Bishop of Toledo; the Most Rev. Charles Hubert LeBlond, Bishop of St. Joseph, Department of Social Action; the Most Rev. Walter A. Foery, Bishop of Syracuse, Legal Department, and the Most Rev. Bartholomew J. Eustace, Bishop of Camden, Department of Catholic Action Study.

The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Michael J. Ready was reappointed general secretary. The Rev. Dr. Howard J. Carroll was renamed assistant general secretary.

Members of Hierarchy in Attendance at 1940 Annual Meeting

FOLLOWING are the members of the Hierarchy who attended the 22nd annual meeting of the Archbishops and Bishops of the United States held at the Catholic University of America in Washington, D. C., November 13-14, 1940:

His Eminence Dennis Cardinal Dougherty, Archbishop of Philadelphia.

Archbishops Beckman of Dubuque, Cantwell of Los Angeles, Curley of Baltimore and of Washington, Floersh of Louisville, Glennon of St. Louis, Kiley of Milwaukee, McNicholas, O.P., of Cincinnati, Mitty of San Francisco, Mooney of Detroit, Rummel of New Orleans, Spellman of New York and Stritch of Chicago.

Bishops Adrian of Nashville, Albers of Lansing, Alter of Toledo, Althoff of Belleville, Armstrong of Sacramento, Bergan of Des Moines, Bona of Grand Island, Boyle of Pittsburgh, Brady of Burlington, Brady of Sioux Falls, Cassidy of Fall River, Condon of Great Falls, Cotton of Owensboro, Duffy of Buffalo, Espelage, O.F.M., of Gallup, Eustace of Camden, FitzMaurice of Wilmington, Foery of Syracuse, Gannon of Erie, Pa.; Gerow of Natchez, Gibbons of Albany, Gilmore of Helena, Gorman of Reno, Griffin of Springfield in Illinois, Griffin of Trenton, Guilfoyle of Altoona, Hafey of Scranton, Hartley of Columbus, Heelan of Sioux City, Hoban of Rockford, Howard of Covington, Hunt of Salt Lake, Hurley of St. Augustine, Jeanmard of Lafayette, Kearney of Rochester, Kelley of Oklahoma City and Tulsa, Kelly of Boise, Keough of Providence, Kucera of Lincoln, Lawler of Rapid City, LeBlond of St. Joseph, Leech of Harrisburg, Lucey of Amarillo, McGrath of Baker City, McGuinness of Raleigh, McLaughlin of Paterson, Monaghan of Ogdensburg, Muench of Fargo, Murphy of Saginaw, Noll of Fort Wayne, O'Hara of Kansas City, O'Hara of Savannah-Atlanta, Peschges of Crookston; Peterson of Manchester, Ritter of Indianapolis, Rohlman of Davenport, Ryan of Omaha, Ryan of Bismarck, Schuler, S.J., of El Paso, Swint of Wheeling, Thill of Concordia, Toolen of Mobile, Vehr of Denver, Walsh of Charleston, Welch of Duluth, White of Spokane, Willinger, C.SS.R., of Ponce, Puerto Rico, Winkelmann of Wichita; Ireton, Coadjutor of Richmond; Boland, Auxiliary of Newark; Connolly, Auxiliary of San Francisco; Donahue, Auxiliary of New York; Fitzgerald, S.J., Auxiliary of Juneau, Alaska; Fletcher, Auxiliary of Little Rock; Kearney, Auxiliary of Brooklyn; Lamb, Auxiliary of Philadelphia; McNamara, Auxiliary of Baltimore and Washington; Metzger, Auxiliary of Santa Fe; O'Brien, Auxiliary of Hartford; O'Brien, Auxiliary of Chicago; O'Hara, C.S.C., Military Delegate; Rehring, Auxiliary of Cincinnati; Sheil, Auxiliary of Chicago; Woznicki, Auxiliary of Detroit; Corrigan, Rector of The Catholic University of America; and Hayes, Rector of the North American College in Rome.

Hierarchy, Pope Pius XII stated: "Over a manifold activity of the laity, carried on in various localities according to the needs of the times, is placed the National Catholic Welfare Conference, an organization which supplies a ready and well-adapted instrument for your episcopal ministry."

Record Attendance at Chicago Catholic Charities Convention

THE presence of 71 members of the American Hierarchy, 2,000 delegates, 600 nuns and several hundred lay social workers, and the participation of 118 prominent speakers from 36 states, highlighted the twenty-sixth annual convention of the National Conference of Catholic Charities, held in Chicago under the patronage of the Most Rev. Samuel A. Stritch, Archbishop of Chicago, November 17-20.

Fifty gatherings—three general meetings, various seminars and daily sectional meetings under the direction of six topic committees—discussed the convention theme, sounded in a keynote pre-convention address, broadcast nationally, by the Most Rev. C. Hubert LeBlond, Bishop of St. Joseph and honorary president of the conference: "Make Catholic Charities most effective according to the highest standards."

A message and blessing from His Holiness, Pope Pius XII, greetings and good wishes from the Most Rev. Amleto Giovanni Cicognani, Apostolic Delegate to the United States, and commendation from Archbishop Stritch in a radio address on the eve of the convention opening were outstanding statements heard in the course of the meeting.

Directors of Catholic Charities from nearly all the dioceses of the United States, headed by the Very Rev. John R. Mulroy, president of the National Conference of Catholic Charities and director of the Denver Catholic Charities, attended. The St. Vincent de Paul Society met concomitantly with the Charities sessions. Among the speakers were Catholics outstanding in organized charitable and social welfare fields and in federal, state and city governmental agencies.

The Rev. Bryan J. McEntegart, director of Child Care Division of the Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of New York, was chosen president of the National Conference for the coming year, and Houston, Tex., was selected as the site of the 1941 convention. Bishop LeBlond was reelected honorary president.

Other officers chosen are: George Straka, of Houston; Charles G. Kerwin, of Chicago; Miss Jane Hoey, of Washington; the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Thomas J. O'Dwyer, of Los Angeles; and Miss Agnes G. Regan, executive secretary of the National Council of Catholic Women, vice presidents; the Rt. Rev. Msgr. John O'Grady, secretary; Thomas F. Farrell, of New York, treasurer; and Miss Katherine E. Griffith, of Hartford; John E. Riley, of St. Louis; Miss Clara Swieczkowska, of Detroit; the Rev. William A. O'Connor, of Chicago; and the Rev. Ralph Glover, of Newark, N. J., members of the Executive Committee.

HIERARCHY *at* 22ND ANNUAL MEETING HEAR REPORTS *of* N.C.W.C.'S YEAR'S ACTIVITIES

THERE follow herewith brief summaries of the annual reports of the activities of the departments and bureaus of the National Catholic Welfare Conference as submitted by the several Episcopal Chairmen thereof to the Archbishops and Bishops of the United States at their 22nd annual meeting held at the Catholic University of America, November 13 and 14, 1940. As the reports show, the N. C. W. C. is rendering a continually increasing service, not only to vital Catholic interests within and without the United States, but also to paramount interests affecting the general wellbeing of the country and its citizens.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

ARCHBISHOP STRITCH
Episcopal Chairman

OUTLINING "a few of the more important problems which have engaged the resources" of the National Catholic Welfare Conference during the last year, the Most Rev. Samuel A. Stritch, Archbishop of Chicago and Chairman of the N. C. W. C. Administrative Board, reported that the achievements of the Conference have been warmly praised at the Vatican.

War conditions in Europe and national defense measures at home, the N. C. W. C. reports showed, have called heavily on the Conference's departments and made the year's work especially heavy.

Archbishop Stritch read a letter from His Eminence Luigi Cardinal Maglione, Papal Secretary of State, conveying His Holiness Pope Pius XII's "admiration for the intelligent intiative and for the assiduous labor with which the Bishops of the United States have given themselves to the task of realizing the directions and counsels of the Holy See in matters of general concern."

His Eminence Raffaello Carlo Cardinal Rossi, O.C.D., Secretary of the Sacred Consistorial Congregation, wrote to Archbishop Stritch that "one cannot but admire and commend the activities which, notwithstanding these critical times, the praiseworthy association of which Your Excellency is the esteemed President has been developing from year to year to an ever-increasing extent."

His Eminence Francesco Cardinal Marmaggi said the Sacred Congregation of the Council, of which he is Prefect, "regarded as most farsighted your manifold alertness which takes on new vigor as time progresses."

His Eminence Giuseppe Cardinal Pizzardo, Prefect of the Sacred Congregation of Seminaries and Universities and President of the Central Office of Catholic Action, praised the work of the N. C. W. C. in detail, and sent expressions of "my own admiration and the highest commendation of this Sacred Congregation."

The report of the Chairman pointed out that both the program drawn up by the Joint Army and Navy Committee and the Selective Service Act as introduced in Congress failed to provide exemption for seminarians and religious, but that, after representations had been made to both houses of Congress, it was written into the law.

"It is necessary," the report also said, "to consider ways and means of guarding our Catholic youth called to camps under the present national defense program. The concentration of thousands of young men in districts often far removed from our churches and social recreational facilities presents a grave problem and demands a decision concerning a policy for safeguarding the enrollees' religious and social interests."

Archbishop Stritch also revealed that appeals to the Church in America for aid "seem to grow more insistent and more pitiful" as the Church in other countries suffers from the disaster of war.

Reporting encouraging advance "in effecting national unity for Catholic youth and in reorganizing the federation of Catholic nurses," Archbishop Stritch announced that "a carefully planned program for national cooperation through diocesan units" would be presented to the Bishops' Meeting. The Archbishop said the present session of Congress has presented many important problems affecting Catholic interests, reported on the plans looking to the erection of a new N. C. W. C. Headquarters building in Washington, and announced that 75,000 copies of "The Church and Social Order," the statement of the N. C. W. C. Administrative Board issued February 7, 1940, have been distributed.

The Administrative Board believes the work of the N. C. W. C. is "well organized," and that "the service rendered to vital Catholic interests is a strong defense for the welfare of the Church in the United States," Archbishop Stritch told the Bishops.

Confraternity of Christian Doctrine

REPORTING for the Bureau of the National Center of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, Bishop O'Hara of Kansas City, the Episcopal Chairman, made known there are 103 archdiocesan and diocesan directors of the Confraternity in 16 archdioceses and 87 dioceses.

Dealing with Catholics in secular high schools, the report stated that the most difficult and urgent Confraternity task confronting them is the religious instruction of these students. It was estimated that four-fifths of the Catholics of high school age are outside the Catholic school system.

With regard to adult education, the Confraternity report said 48 dioceses are sponsoring religious discussion club programs in all parishes. Three dioceses reported having more than 800 such clubs and 17 other dioceses reported more than 400 clubs. A total of about 80,000 adults in 21 dioceses engaged in a study of their religion in the last year as a result of Confraternity activity, the report said.

Revision of the Baltimore Catechism was completed, with a prospect of the revised English New Testament being published in 1941. Literature distributed totaled 265,410 pieces.

Bureau of Immigration

A HOST of unique and unexpected opportunities for service were presented to the Bureau of Immigration in the year, Archbishop Stritch reported.

"The calamity of war in Europe and its rapid spread both there and in Asia produced large-scale problems which differed entirely from those of previous years," Archbishop Stritch noted.

The unusual services which became necessary included, the report said: taking up with the State Department the validation of passports of certain Americans called on important missions to Europe and the East, such travel being in general forbidden; working toward the release from concentration camps of refugees for whom the Bureau arranged for visas; and locating American citizen war refugees and transmitting to them instructions from Superiors, relatives and friends and financial aid to cover personal needs and transportation.

Also included were: requests for visas for certain intellectuals to aid their escape from warring countries; advising those interested in refugees trapped in countries where they were not wanted and from which they wished to escape; arranging for searches to be made by the Red Cross to learn the location and welfare of families in Poland, Belgium and Holland; replying to inquiries of religious communities on the procedure of sending food packages to Europe; soliciting the aid of proper agencies to locate evacuated Spanish children; problems related to the registration of aliens; difficulties arising from the new regulations for persons wishing to visit Canada and Mexico.

There were 8,945 immigrants and emigrants assisted at ports, and aid was given 3,778 members of the clergy, religious and candidates. Naturalization work increased, and follow-up activity was prosecuted in many dioceses in the United States and Canada.

Youth Bureau

MARKED increase in the work of the N. C. W. C. Youth Bureau was reported. In this connection, it was stated that the development of the Diocesan Youth Councils, the perfection of the College and University Section of the National Catholic Youth Council, and the reawakened interest of youth in Catholic Action will require even more concerted effort in the coming year.

The Bureau, the report said, serves as a fact-finding agency and information center in the whole field of youth work; centralizes information on non-Catholic youth groups, evaluating their activities, and lends assistance to the Bishops in the promotion of authorized Catholic youth organizations, sponsoring the National Catholic Youth Council as the uniting agency for all Catholic youth forces of the country.

Extensive documentation, the report stated, enables the Youth Bureau to answer requests for information which come to it from the clergy and laity, from colleges. and from non-Catholic institutions, both governmental and private.

Bureau of Information

EIGHTY-nine dioceses throughout the United States now have directors, it was stated in a report made to the Administrative Board of the National Catholic Welfare Conference by the N. C. W. C. Bureau of Information.

During the year, the report stated, the Bureau has kept in touch with these diocesan directors, providing information and suggestions as occasions arose. Requests for information were received from every section of the United States, and from Canada, England and even as far away as India.

"The Bureau," the report stated, "has become known to students, teachers, business firms, writers, and agencies of the Government. Two of the largest information services in the country refer all matters dealing with matters Catholic to the Bureau."

During the year, it was stated, the Bureau of Information has kept in contact with the secular newspapers of New York and Washington, particularly, and with the three major secular news serv-

ices. In more than 30 releases, the Bureau sent to the secular press information concerning important Catholic events.

"Another part of the Bureau of Information work," the report stated, "has been in keeping watch on the various non-Catholic religious and secular magazines. The Bureau makes a monthly check on all non-Catholic religious magazines at the Congressional Library to note anti-Catholic propaganda, uncomplimentary remarks, etc."

Publications Office and Catholic Action

THE N. C. W. C. Business and Publications Office reported a record distribution of pamphlets, especially those of the Papal Encyclicals of Popes Pius XII and Pius XI and the statement of the N. C. W. C. Bishops on "The Church and Social Order." In all, the N. C. W. C. Publications Office has distributed to date more than 550,000 copies of Papal Encyclicals, besides other thousands of pamphlets, study outlines, etc. A penny-pamphlet printing of "The Church and Social Order" statement was widely circulated. Many Catholic organizations cooperated in the placement in public libraries of bound volumes of the N. C. W. C.'s printing of *Pope Pius XI's Sixteen Recent Encyclicals;* also of Pope Pius XII's Encyclicals *Summi Pontificatus* and *Sertum Laetitiae.*

It was also reported that Catholic Action, monthly publication of the N. C. W. C., now in its twenty-second volume, expanded during the year the scope of its monthly contributions by members of the N. C. W. C. headquarters staff to include monthly articles on Catholic Education, Immigration, Legislation, Youth, Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, Social Action, Industry, Rural Life, Peace, Citizenship, the Family, the Catholic Press, together with numerous cognate articles intended to promote further interest and action. "You and Your World" was the general topic of eight study club articles carried by Catholic Action during 1939-40, and during the present study club season, of 1940-41, the magazine is featuring a similar series of articles entitled "We Catholics and Our Country."

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

BISHOP PETERSON
Episcopal Chairman

PREDICTION that "a strong drive for general Federal aid to education" will arise, was made by the Most Rev. John B. Peterson, Bishop of Manchester, reporting as Episcopal Chairman of the N. C. W. C. Department of Education.

Bishop Peterson said the full extent to which the national defense program will affect education remains to be seen. He pointed out that the U. S. Office of Education, the National Youth Administration and the Civilian Conservation Corps have been given a coordinator to prevent overlapping. Noting that the first two of these carry on vocational education, and that this has produced difficulties, he said: "Organized education throughout the country has become fearful lest under the direction of the National Youth Administration a separate and purely federal program of education may develop."

Bishop Peterson reported distribution of a pamphlet on an action program for youth. He also reviewed the research work of the N. C. W. C. Department in the fields of youth, education and the national defense, teacher training, scholarships, and other topics, and its efforts to make the information obtained available to interested parties.

He said 176 Catholic universities participated in the N. Y. A. student aid program, and 33 Catholic colleges are participating in the civilian pilot training program of the Civil Aeronautics Authority.

Referring to the Teachers' Registration Section of the N. C. W. C. Department of Education, Bishop Peterson said "the demand for teachers who have a Ph.D. degree conferred by a Catholic university is greater than the supply."

PRESS DEPARTMENT

BISHOP GANNON
Episcopal Chairman

PLANS for the addition of a world-wide news service for the Press of Latin America were recounted; sturdy growth of the Catholic Press in the United States was cited, and a near-record increase in subscribers to the *N. C. W. C. News Service* was cited in the report of the Most Rev. John Mark Gannon, Bishop of Erie and Episcopal Chairman of the Press Department.

Now in course of preparation, the new Latin-American Service will be provided in Spanish and Portuguese, and will be based on the present *N. C. W. C. News Service's* world-wide news budget.

The report pointed out that six new Catholic newspapers and six new magazines were founded in the United States last year, while the News Service showed a net gain of 16 new subscribers, or 10 more than

the increase in the previous year. Subscribers in 25 countries are now served.

At the same time the report stressed the sorry plight of the Catholic Press in Europe as a result of the war, with news services silenced or muffled, Catholic papers and periodicals suspended, and news sources blocked. Spread of the war forced shifts in news sources of the Service, but new contacts were made in Europe, and the coverage net extended in Latin America.

The Feature Service was renovated; many special releases of the Picture Service provided; better news transmission achieved through the employment of speedier devices. Special syndications issued included three papal texts, and an unusually heavy budget of general news was released.

SOCIAL ACTION DEPARTMENT

BISHOP O'HARA
Episcopal Chairman

THE Social Action Department "works to help people know Catholic social teaching and accept and apply it in their industrial, rural, civic, family and international life," its Episcopal Chairman, the Most Rev. Edwin V. O'Hara, Bishop of Kansas City, stated.

The Department, since it was established, has published or arranged for the publication of 190 pamphlets and 15 books on such subjects as labor, citizenship, peace, family life and rural life, the report said.

Four regional meetings of the Catholic Conference on Industrial Problems were held during the year and one special meeting on the Negro in Industry. Four regional one-day Priests' Conferences were held on the Encyclicals and on means of priests spreading their teachings. The Department also assisted, and its members taught in, three Priests' Schools of Social Action and helped organize three more such schools.

Another Institute of Industry was conducted in collaboration with the National Council of Catholic Women at the National Catholic School of Social Service. A five-week industrial survey was conducted for one diocese and a special study made of Labor Schools throughout the country.

Addresses at conventions and conferences and over the air numbered well over a hundred on industrial questions alone.

Approximately 85,000 pieces of N. C. W. C. literature were distributed to 200 schools and colleges. A staff member collated all of Pope Pius XII's statements on peace during the first year of his Pontificate. This work was published by the N. C. W. C.

The Department also arranged through its auxiliary organization, the Catholic Association for International Peace, for two peace conferences during the year.

LEGAL DEPARTMENT

BISHOP BOYLE
Episcopal Chairman

TAKING cognizance of efforts to produce Western Hemisphere solidarity in preparedness for defense, the Most Rev. Hugh C. Boyle, Bishop of Pittsburgh and Episcopal Chairman of the N. C. W. C. Legal Department, declared that "the best interests of all the American nations will be served by an increasing flow of Catholic influences from this country to the Ibero-American republics and from them to our country."

The Legal Department report covered a wide variety of subjects of high importance during the last year, including neutrality legislation, preparedness efforts, Latin-American conferences, compulsory military service, war relief, refugees, inter-American student exchange, and developments in Mexico, particularly phenomena attending the recent presidential election in that country.

Bishop Boyle also reported on a study of diocesan property tenure made by the Legal Department, and reviewed various pieces of education legislation. Saying that "there are many who argue that the present trend toward federal aid for general education will eventually become a reality," Bishop Boyle said this has led to much discussion of "whether or not private and parochial schools should participate in a federal aid program."

"In view of the constitutional prohibition of appropriating public money to a private or sectarian purpose in most of the states," said the report, "there is very little likelihood that any of these funds if appropriated will reach parochial schools."

The report discussed vocational education and health education laws, free transportation and textbooks for school children, the proposed federal program for the construction of small hospitals throughout the country, social security, unemployment compensation, old age assistance, aid to dependent children, aid to the blind and similar social legislation.

LAY ORGANIZATIONS DEPARTMENT

ARCHBISHOP RUMMEL
Episcopal Chairman

National Council of Catholic Men

THE number of stations carrying the "Catholic Hour" increased from 22 to 95 in the past decade, Archbishop Rummel said in his report on the National Council of Catholic Men.

"Catholic Hour" audience mail was reported to have increased from 11,565 in 1930 to 251,239 in 1940. Distribution of "Catholic Hour" discourses in pamphlet form was extended from 280,940 in the fifth year of the broadcast to 646,025 last year.

Diocesan councils of men are organized in 10 sees, while there are 401 parish councils. A total of 16 national Catholic organizations, five state organizations, 208 Holy Name Societies, 476 Knights of Columbus Councils, and 168 miscellaneous groups are affiliated with the National Council.

Organization work was carried on in the year in 10 dioceses.

The National Council's Catholic Evidence Bureau answered more than 500 inquiries and the Catholic Radio Bureau distributed hundreds of pieces of literature and letters urging Catholics to seek more time on the radio and outlining ways of inaugurating and continuing quality religious programs.

National Council of Catholic Women

MARKING its twentieth anniversary, the National Council of Catholic Women is organized in 63 dioceses of the United States, with 16 national and 7 state-wide organizations affiliated, and with three more dioceses to set up Councils in the near future, the Most Rev. Joseph F. Rummel, Archbishop of New Orleans and Episcopal Chairman of the Department of Lay Organizations, said in his report.

Besides the great national convention held at Detroit, October 26-30, a regional conference at Birmingham, 53 annual Diocesan Council conventions, and two State Council conventions were held. Action was taken to make national conventions biennial with more regional gatherings planned in the interim.

In view of developments in inter-American solidarity for hemisphere defense, the National Council accelerated already active interest in and promotion of relationships and new contacts with Catholic women's organizations of South America. Youth work also was greatly extended, so that Councils in 46 dioceses are now doing active youth work, 25 of them having been named official sponsors of diocesan work for girls. Youth leader courses were held in several dioceses, and another youth radio series was conducted with gratifying results.

The Council also aided in alien registration, among numerous other activities. It continued its sponsorship of the vitally important National Catholic School of Social Service, which had a highly successful year.

N. B.—Reports and statements of the Episcopal Committees for Catholic Refugees and on Motion Pictures are printed elsewhere in this issue.

N. C. W. C. Pays Tribute to Unknown Soldier

The annual tribute of the seven national welfare organizations authorized by the Government during the World War to do welfare work for the Army and Navy at home and overseas was paid on Armistice Day, November 11, at the tomb of America's symbolic hero in Arlington Cemetery.

The National Catholic Welfare Conference, which functioned during the war as the National Catholic War Council, was represented by John O'Leary, of the Legal Department.

The other organizations represented were: The Young Men's Christian Association, the Young Women's Christian Association, the Jewish Welfare Board, the Salvation Army, the War Camp Community Service, and the American Library Association.

The program this year was in charge of the War Camp Community Service.

Omission in This Issue of Special Features Regretted

The editor of CATHOLIC ACTION regrets that, due to the space required in this issue for the recording of the reports, statements, etc., in connection with the Annual Meeting of the Archbishops and Bishops of the United States and the digest of the reports submitted thereto by the members of the Administrative Board, N. C. W. C., omission of the always-valuable monthly contributions of certain N. C. W. C. departments and bureaus has been made necessary. These special features will be resumed in the January, 1941, issue.

Anticipatory of that date, we here express to all organization and individual affiliates of the N. C. W. C. our deep appreciation for their continuing interest in and support of CATHOLIC ACTION and wish for them during the coming year an ever-increasing record of achievement under the banner of the N. C. W. C.—the Bishops' official agency for the promotion of unity in Catholic work.

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—From the 1919 Pastoral Letter of the Archbishops and Bishops of the U. S.

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Msgr. McIntyre, Chancellor, New York Archdiocese, Named Auxiliary to Archbishop Spellman

THE Rt. Rev. Msgr. J. Francis A. McIntyre, Chancellor of the Archdiocese of New York, has been named by Pope Pius XII Titular Bishop of Cyrene and Auxiliary Bishop of New York, it was announced on November 19, 1940, by the Most Rev. Amleto Giovanni Cicognani, Apostolic Delegate to the United States.

Born in New York City, June 25, 1886 ,the son of James Francis and Mary Pelley McIntyre, Bishop-elect McIntyre attended public day and evening high schools of New York City, and subsequently the evening sessions of the College of the City of New York and Columbia College, New York. Later he enrolled in the day sessions of Cathedral College in New York City, and then made his studies at St. Joseph's Seminary, Dunwoodie, Yonkers, N. Y. He was ordained to the priesthood by Cardinal Hayes on May 21, 1921.

For two years and three months following his ordination, the Bishop-elect was an assistant pastor in St. Gabriel's parish, New York City. He has served in the Chancery of the Archdiocese of New York since May 30, 1923, first as assistant chancellor, then as vice-chancellor, and finally as chancellor since September, 1934. He has been a diocesan consultor for the last year.

To Bishop-elect McIntyre, CATHOLIC ACTION extends its most respectful felicitations and good wishes.

Bishop Pinten Resigns Grand Rapids See After Fourteen Years as Ordinary

THE Most Rev. Joseph Gabriel Pinten has resigned as Bishop of Grand Rapids, a See he has occupied for more than 14 years, and has been named Titular Bishop of Sela.

The Most Rev. Joseph H. Albers, Bishop of Lansing, has been named Administrator of the Diocese of Grand Rapids, pending the selection of a successor to Bishop Pinten.

Bishop Pinten, who is 73 years old, is the fourth Bishop to govern the See of Grand Rapids. Grand Rapids is the second diocese over which he has presided, having been previously Bishop of Superior from December, 1931, until his translation to Grand Rapids in 1926.

N. C. W. C. Headquarters Staff Attend Memorial Mass for Late Monsignor Burke

MARKING the fourth anniversary of the death of the Rt. Rev. Msgr. John J. Burke, C.S.P., first General Secretary of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, a Mass was celebrated Thursday, November 7, in the chapel of the National Catholic School of Social Service by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Michael J. Ready, present General Secretary of the N. C. W. C.

The Mass was attended by members of the N. C. W. C. staff and faculty members and students of the National Catholic School of Social Service. Among others present was the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Francis J. Haas, dean of the School of Social Sciences at The Catholic University of America and former director of the National Catholic School of Social Service.

Monsignor Burke died October 30, 1936.

Drive for Religious Christmas Cards Launched by Detroit Archdiocesan Council, N. C. C. W.

THE Detroit Committee of Catholic Organizations, composing the Detroit Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women and the Detroit Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Men, is again launching a campaign to urge the purchase and use of Christmas cards which in some way commemorate the Birth of the Saviour. The slogan used in the drive is "Let's Put Christ Back into Christmas."

In a letter to the pastors of the Archdiocese of Detroit, which the Committee asks be read to the congregations at Sunday Masses, it is pointed out that "Christmas in some countries is outlawed by the State" and that "in America the same result is being accomplished by a misguided commercialism which is undermining the true spirit of Christmas." "Scottie dogs, Mickey Mouse, Yuletide Carollers, and snow scenes have driven the Blessed Babe, His mother and foster father off the cards supposed to commemorate His birthday," the letter adds.

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"Manufacturers admit that only 10 per cent of their cards are Christian in character, because of the nature of public demand," says the letter. "They say if purchasers want religious Christmas cards, they will gladly supply them. We are, therefore, asking our Catholic people to help put Christ back into Christmas by purchasing only such cards as do Him honor."

Archbishop Rummel's Interpretation of "Church and Social Order" Published in Pamphlet Form

A PAMPHLET titled "The Church and Social Order: A Summary" has been published by the Catholic Conference on Industrial Problems. The pamphlet presents an address delivered by the Most Rev. Joseph F. Rummel, Archbishop of New Orleans and retiring Episcopal Chairman of the N. C. W. C. Lay Organizations Department, dealing with the Bishops' Statement on "The Church and Social Order," delivered at a regional meeting of the Conference in New Orleans.

It also was announced that the proceedings of a regional meeting of the Conference in Rochester have been printed.

"Friend in Deed" Award Given Bishop O'Hara by C. B. S.

THE Most Rev. Edwin V. O'Hara, Bishop of Kansas City, who inspired 1,500 neighborhood men and boys to create a community center in his See city, became the forty-fifth "Friend In Deed" to be awarded a medal by the Columbia Broadcasting System.

The story was dramatized on Richard Maxwell's "Friend In Deed" program broadcast from Station WABC.

To the men of Holy Rosary Parish, Kansas City, Bishop O'Hara proposed a community center where children could play safely, and he donated $5,000 to start the campaign. Contributions raised the fund to more than $18,000.

A vacant lot opposite the church was given by its owners, and 1,500 men worked nights, Saturdays and Sundays to complete the red brick structure, today known as Don Bosco Center.

Death of Bishop Alencastre, Vicar Apostolic of Hawaiian Islands, Widely Mourned

WORD has been received of the death of Bishop Stephen Alencastre, SS.CC., Vicar Apostolic of the Hawaiian Islands, on November 9, 1940. Bishop Alencastre died aboard the *S.S. Matsonia* en route to the Hawaiian Islands from San Francisco, where he attended the recent celebration of the centenary of the Hierarchy in California.

Bishop Alencastre worked unceasingly for the spiritual advancement of his flock for the 16 years that he served as Vicar Apostolic. Under his administration numerous schools and orphanages were established. He established a Catholic youth organization that is comparable with any in the United States, and the *Catholic Herald*, a weekly paper.

An island dear to the heart of Bishop Alencastre was the Island of Molokai, made famous by the saintly Father Damien. Frequently the Bishop visited the leper colony, administering to the needs of the unfortunate residents.

By special permission of the territorial authorities, the body of Bishop Alencastre was laid to rest in a vault in the old Catholic cemetery on King Street, where rest the remains of the Bishops who preceded him. The cemetery is no longer in use for burials. *May his soul rest in peace.*

Editorial in "The Pittsburgh Catholic" Lauds Bishops' Accomplishments Through the N. C. W. C.

THE annual reports of the various departments of the National Catholic Welfare Conference were termed "a revelation of the active, efficient leadership which the Church in this country enjoys in dealing with problems constantly arising," it is stated in an editorial in *The Pittsburgh Catholic*, diocesan weekly.

"The extensive report appearing in this issue summarizing the work done during the past year by the National Catholic Welfare Conference should be carefully studied," the editorial says, "for it is a revelation of the active, efficient leadership which the Church in this country enjoys in dealing with the problems constantly arising. Composed of the Archbishops and Bishops of the country, and with a member of the Hierarchy at the head of each of its departments, the N. C. W. C. is, as its name indicates, a consultative and advisory body and not a law-making one. It serves as a clearing-house of information, fosters unity and cooperation in fields of general concern, and makes recommendations as to the course of action that should be followed where doubt and indecision seem to be retarding the common good. It rigorously avoids anything that could be considered as interference with the State, or any alignment with partisan politics, but provides for Catholic participation in national and international movements where moral questions are involved.

"Needless to say, the N. C. W. C. does not attempt to restrict Catholic thinking or Catholic activity within any bounds other than those imposed by Catholic doctrine; it is in no sense a regimentation of the members of the Church. But it provides guidance and leadership in the various fields of public concern—social, civic, industrial, educational; prevents dissipation of Catholic endeavor by providing this leadership, and affords a sense of security and effectiveness by its assurance that all current developments are being studied and considered. Catholics cannot be sufficiently thankful for this leadership, and can best show their appreciation and understanding of its value by giving careful heed to the reports and advice which the N. C. W. C. offers."

"The Rural South: Problem or Prospect" Title of New N. C. W. C. Social Action Pamphlet

A PAMPHLET on "The Rural South: Problem or Prospect?" by Rev. Dr. Edgar Schmiedeler, O.S.B., director of the Rural Life Bureau, National Catholic Welfare Conference, just issued, is the 18th in the Social Action series published by the N. C. W. C. Department of Social Action.

A foreword notes that the South is mainly rural and agricultural and that it suffers "not only the disadvantages of its own historical condition, but those which today are common to all agricultural areas," and adds:

"Father Schmiedeler treats these problems as they affect both local and national well-being and points out the bright prospects to overcome and outweigh them which have hitherto been neglected or are only beginning to be touched. In tying the welfare of the South to that of the nation, while stressing the special character and contributions of the rural South, Father Schmiedeler has made a practical study that merits the attention of all sections of the country."

The Social Action series of pamphlets represents an effort to present a discussion of current economic facts, institutions and proposals in the United States in their relation to Catholic Social teaching, particularly as expounded in Pope Pius XI's Encyclical *Quadragesimo Anno*.

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IV. The Catholic Family—N. C. W. C. Study Outline for January

PRESENTED herewith is the fourth in the National Catholic Welfare Conference Study Club Committee's 1940-41 series of outlines, as announced on page 32 of the August issue of CATHOLIC ACTION. The general theme or approach from which the subjects, month by month, are to be treated, is the general welfare and the common good of the country.

As far as limited space permits, it is intended to show what Catholics in certain selected fields have done in the past in the United States, and the motives that impelled their activities.

Part I of each outline will present a brief biographical sketch of some outstanding Catholic leader whose work has contributed to right Christian thinking and living in our American democracy. The Abell-Spalding Family, a notable example of Catholic family life, is featured in the present study outline. The biographical sections of the Study Outline are supplied through the cooperation of the Commission on Citizenship of the Catholic University of America.

Part II will present information upon the subject of the month and in relation to the theme of the whole series.

Part III will present some brief suggestions as to what Catholic Lay Organizations and their members can do to extend the teaching and influence of the Church in our present difficult national and world-wide situation.

The National Catholic Welfare Conference Study Club Committee will welcome suggestions as to the practicability of this program and especially as to how its appeal and usefulness might be increased.

I. THE ABELL-SPALDING FAMILY—A NOTABLE EXAMPLE

ELLEN O'BRIAN never saw Kentucky. She died in the Maryland to which she had come, an Irish immigrant, years before the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Her Catholic spirit, however, exercised in spite of almost insuperable handicaps, marched over the mountains with her children, Robert Abell and Alethia Abell Spalding, to be sword and shield for a long line of distinguished American citizens.

Ellen O'Brian's husband, Samuel Abell, high sheriff of Saint Mary's County in Maryland, was not a Catholic. After the fashion of his time he demanded that their sons be raised in his Protestant religion, allowing, as testimony of his great devotion to his wife, that their daughters be instructed by her in her Faith. Their sons, however, coming to manhood, chose their mother's religion; and Samuel Abell himself died a Catholic.

Family of Seven Daughters and Three Sons

One of these sons, Robert, went with his wife, Margaret, out to the Dark and Bloody Ground less than twenty years after Daniel Boone's first expedition into that wilderness. They settled on land along the Rolling Fork where every cabin was the target of Indian attack, and started a Catholic colony destined to become one of the civic and cultural centers of the frontier. There, amid the difficulties and dangers of pioneering, they brought up a family of three daughters and seven sons, one of them the famous Father Robert Abell. From the settlement the elder Robert Abell went to the Kentucky Constitutional Convention of 1799. The only Catholic in that body, he won defeat of the provision that no Catholic should hold office of profit or trust in the commonwealth, and helped to win passage of the Kentucky Resolutions against the Alien and Sedition Laws.

The United States was only seven years old when Robert Abell's sister, Alethia, and her husband, Benedict Spalding, set out on the Boone Trail to join the colony on the Rolling Fork. Both of them were young. Both were brave. Both were Catholics, already tried in their Faith by residence in a commonwealth which had tossed aside its own basic doctrine of religious tolerance. Both were determined to carry on, by example and precept, the principles of their religion, unswerving belief in God, uncomplaining acceptance of responsibility, undeviating fairness and kindness to their fellowmen.

Overcoming Some Difficulties of Pioneer Life

In a cabin which they themselves built the Spaldings lived as did their neighbors. They had brought westward a few firearms, a few pots and pans, a hand plow, a spinning wheel, a pair of combing cards, a package of seeds, a few sheets and blankets, a little woven cloth for second suits and dresses. They built rude furniture, a table that resembled a butcher's chopping block, bedsteads of young timber laced with elkskin thongs, wooden settees and three-legged stools. They made wooden platters, and used gourds for drinking cups. Out of crude materials and trained ingenuity they fashioned some scant measure of comfort.

Benedict Spalding fished in the streams and hunted in the woods for food and for skins to make leggings and moccasins and hats. He made perilous journeys to the licks for salt. He planted and cared for and reaped the crops of corn and flax. Year after year, he

widened the range of his activities, sowing, garnering, building.

Alethia Spalding wove, and spun, and dyed linen, wool, and linsey-woolsey, and fashioned them into clothing. She stiffened her sunbonnets with hickory splints. She made bread from corn. She cooked game and venison and fish. She scrubbed and scoured. She fed chickens and milked cows and churned. And in that cabin on the Rolling Fork, as it grew room by room, she raised six sons and six daughters.

Religious Framing of Children Always Uppermost

For long years there was no Catholic church on the Rolling Fork. Through that time Benedict and Alethia Spalding taught their children the practice of their religion. Night and morning the household recited prayers together. In Lent and in Advent they said every night the Rosary of the Blessed Virgin. On Sundays they said in common the prayers of the Mass. They read, over and over, the pious books brought from Maryland. When, at last, log churches began to rise in the settlements, the Spaldings traveled horseback, sometimes as far as thirty miles, to hear Mass; and they were the first to help Father Fournier build a church on the Fork on the site that was to become, in time, Holy Mary's Convent of Lorettine Sisters.

Even when she grew old, Alethia Spalding kept up her immediate supervision over the religious training of youth. Sometimes, on Sundays, when there was no service at the Fork, she mounted her little gray mare and led off her seven motherless grandchildren, Leonard and Martin and Benedict and Richard, Clement, and Constantia, and Julia, to Mass at Lebanon. Neither she nor her husband lived to see the results of their Christian training of their family; but American Catholic history will long remember that result. For Martin and Benedict and two of Richard's sons entered the priesthood, Martin to be, in time, the Archbishop of Baltimore, and one of Richard's sons to be Bishop John Lancaster Spalding of Peoria.

Alethia Spalding never knew the harvest of her sowing; but all her community knew the goodness of her life and gave testimony when she died to echo the declaration of Father Stephen Badin, that intrepid pioneer of the frontier: "Most certainly," that great old man insisted, "she is in that special heaven which is the reward of the mothers in Israel. For where is Israel but in our own daily lives?"

II. THE MODERN CHANGE

THIS estimable American family is a type. It is typical of many of the pioneer Catholic families who contributed such a generous share to the building of our country. Its story reminds one forcefully of the words of the Book of Ruth: "Whithersoever thou shalt go, I will go; and where thou shalt dwell, I also will dwell. Thy people shall be my people and thy God my God. The land that shall receive thee dying, in the same will I die, and there will I be buried" (*Ruth* I:16-17).

Often, in fact, have those words been put into the mouths of the courageous and valiant women, wives of pioneers, who stood ready to sacrifice the pleasant association of relatives and friends at home, not to mention the conveniences and refinements of a more settled and cultured mode of living, and go forth with their husbands in rude covered wagons to build a new civilization ever farther and farther West. And not without merit were the words applied to them. Like Ruth, who first spoke them, these women made great sacrifices. Like her, they left much behind them for what they considered their duty. They were valiant women, all of them.

They, quite as much as their pioneer husbands, were made of stern stuff. They possessed courageous wills, intrepid spirits. They knew and revered the hardy virtues. They faced unflinchingly the dangers of the journey and of the new life in the wilderness. In spite of all difficulties and dangers they kept on. They did not turn back. And as they built their homes in the West these homes were made of the same sterling qualities. They were based on sacrifice and self-discipline. They were characterized by a sense of duty and the acceptance of responsibility. Very commonly they were deeply religious. They were blessed with children. They were schools of life. They were strongly, firmly united. Little wonder that with such homes the youthful nation prospered and grew strong.

Such are still the homes that the nation needs today. But the truth must be recognized that one finds them far less common today than in the past. Great changes have come over us with the passing of the decades, and family life has suffered as a result. Means of communication and transportation have been multiplied. Our people have become largely urbanized. The conveniences and ease of city life have softened them. A changed environment has weakened family ties. A pagan philosophy of life has become rampant, threatening more and more to engulf the Christian home. Marriage and its purposes are no longer so generally held in honor.

As a result, most serious evils of family life have multiplied. Childlessness and near-childlessness, broken and disorganized homes, irresponsibility and delinquency, have become commonplace, a part and parcel of our civilization.

III. CATHOLIC ACTION FOR THE FAMILY

Here is, indeed, a situation that calls for action. And the action that is demanded is in the main twofold, action on the part of parents within their individual homes and organized action to counteract the baneful influences which are attacking family life from without. An intelligent program of action makes it necessary to show in some detail how changes have affected the home and what particular remedies must be applied to remedy or offset their harmful influence.

A. WITHIN THE HOME

Family Unity—The ideal family, the type of family the nation needs, is a closely-knit unit—father, mother, and children intimately bound together by many ties. Normally, the more intimately family members are bound together, the better will the home fulfill its functions. This family unity is largely built up through a variety of family interests. But today one meets the fact that modern conditions have tended to take out of the home many interests and activities and attractions that were formerly common to family life. Not a little effort will be necessary to restore these to the home world. It is even conceivable that some of them can never again be restored. But at least a sufficient number remain to make possible the building of vital families, if parents only set themselves zealously to the task. Even in the changed world of our day if one begins a new home with a fair endowment of companion interests, and then adds new interests as time goes on, the growth of happiness, of affection, of harmony and unity within the family circle are reasonably assured.

Interest in Children—The real well-spring of home interests is the child. Children are the heart of the home and the focal point of parental interest. And both father and mother share that interest. It is because of the fact that the two sacrifice and plan together for their little ones that they find in them a mutual interest more binding than any other force within the home. It is the lack of children in the home today that is the cause of so much family breakdown. Broken homes are so often childless or near-childless homes. It is what must be expected. With the natural growth of the parental impulse blocked through childlessness, the disintegrating force of selfishness comes to the fore and with most disastrous results to the home.

Child Training Interest—The interest of parents in children becomes particularly keen and engrossing when careful attention is given the training of their little ones. There has been some shirking, some neglect on the part of modern parents in this regard. Particularly has there been a tendency to shift this obligation too much to the school. Pope Pius XI strongly condemned in our day what he called "the deplorable decline of family education." It would be both for the good of their individual children and for that of their family life if parents joined hands in the parent education movement which His Holiness has so much urged upon them. It would serve to make their homes again what they are supposed to be, our fundamental educational institution, the school of schools. It should go far towards promoting successful parenthood, towards enhancing the home's prestige. It should beget a renewed interest in family life and serve to unite the group as few other things could do.

Recreational Interests—Among other natural interests in the home that serve effectively to bind family members together, worthy of mention too, is recreation. Play is a binding force in all group life. In the day of the pioneer, and even much later, recreation within the home was the common and accepted thing. Play was home-made. It was a family and neighborhood affair. But the crowded cities and commercialized attractions of our own time have done much to change this wholesome situation. Play activity has in great measure been exiled from the home. The home has suffered much as a result.

But the situation is not a hopeless one. If parents will only do a bit of thinking and planning they will find ways and means of correcting it. Many of them undoubtedly will find that they can show greater interest in their children's hobbies than heretofore. Many, too, can make more of significant occasions, such as birthdays, in the home. They can encourage their children to bring their friends to the house for entertainment. And so there are other possibilities for restoring to the home a measure of that recreational and social life which exerted such a strengthening influence over the homes of the past.

Religious Interests—When all is said and done, however, family life needs more than natural interests if it is really to survive and flourish. It needs supernatural interests. Divine love must find a place there if the domestic world is to rest on a firm and lasting basis. Harking back to such homes as the Abells and Spaldings one sees a deeply religious spirit permeating their family life. It is precisely such a spirit that is needed in our homes today. And there are many means available to develop such a spirit. Thus, there is the practice of the parental blessing, of common prayer and other religious devotions within the family circle. There is the teaching of religious truths and practices to the children, the keeping of religious articles within the home. There is the observance of religious feasts,

the provision of spiritual reading for the family members. And so might one mention still other practices by means of which a genuine religious spirit might be developed within the home. Zealous and religious parents will readily recognize them and put them to good use in the interests of their families. Their importance can hardly be overestimated.

Harmful Community Conditions—But home interests and a resultant wholesome *esprit de corps* within the family circle, standing alone, are not sufficient. The reason for this is not far to seek. The home is attacked by many enemies from without today and must be protected against them if it is not to succumb to their baneful influences.

No one has described these inimical forces more trenchantly than has Pius XI in his Encyclical on *Marriage*. "For now, alas!" states His Holiness, "not merely under cover, but openly, with all sense of shame put aside, now by word, again by writings, by theatrical productions of every kind, by romantic fiction, by amorous and frivolous novels, by cinematographs portraying in vivid scene, in addresses broadcast by radio telephony, in short by all the inventions of modern science, the sanctity of marriage is trampled upon and derided; divorce, adultery, all the basest vices either are extolled or at least are depicted in such colors as to appear to be free of all reproach and infamy."

B. OUTSIDE THE HOME

It should hardly be necessary to point out that here organized action is necessary, that individual and detached effort will avail but little. Working alone, but little can be accomplished against the vast and powerful forces that have been let loose against the family in the communities of our day. Only unified, coordinated effort, will prove availing. Indeed, only a vast and determined crusade to protect the Christian family will arrest the tide of destruction and save our home life.

And, after all, it is for this very purpose of unified action that the National Catholic Welfare Conference, with its two large federations of lay organizations—the National Councils of Catholic Men and Women—and its other departments, exists. What can be accomplished through organized efforts under its auspices is seen in the results, for example, of the Legion of Decency and the National Organization for Decent Literature. These have shown that there is strength in unity. They have shown anew that there is power untold in organization.

Not that much does not remain to be done. Indeed, even if the vicious movie were entirely done away with and the salacious magazine entirely destroyed, there would still remain the giant task of counteracting the false philosophies that have become so rampant in our modern society. So long as perverted doctrine goes uncorrected, so long as Christian ideals are ignored or dealt with in hostile spirit without adequate rebuttal, just so long will continue the formation of a public opinion that will react harmfully and detrimentally upon the family. Just so long will the homes of our day remain inadequately protected. Not until a thoroughgoing Christian philosophy of life is again well in the ascendancy can Christian family life flourish reasonably unhampered.

Here is a vast immediate field for action on the part of Catholics. They cannot too consistently show the sanctity of the Catholic position and the ennobling influence of the law of the Gospel in regard to Christian marriage, and indeed with regard to all phases of Christian living.

To be sure, this will call for careful preparation. It is not given the Catholic, alone by reason of the faith that is in him, to show the fallacy of erroneous principles or to clarify a situation by throwing the light of Christian principles upon it. That is only given as the result of knowledge, of study and preparation. And it is precisely this that accounts for the emphasis in our day on the study club and adult education. Active interest and participation in study or discussion groups in order to fit himself intelligently and effectively to combat the false philosophy of the time is a mark of the zealous member of the Church today.

And nowhere is his zeal more needed today than in the defense of the Christian family, than in helping to build again in our land homes such as those that were characteristic of the nation in its pioneer days. It is a field for boundless activity on the part of all who wish to heed the Supreme Shepherd's clarion call to Catholic Action.

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TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

Read the lives of other Catholic pioneer families.

(a) Consult your public library for "Some Catholic Leaders in Kentucky" and "Pioneer Catholics in the Illinois Country," in *Catholic Builders of a Nation, Volume I.*

(b) In view of the history of your community, can you report on any outstanding Catholic family.

Our Rural Problem—
The Catholic Viewpoint

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THE accompanying article, which advances five interesting viewpoints with reference to a rural life program as presented recently at the 18th annual gathering of the National Catholic Rural Life Conference, is recommended to all who would wish to know some of the difficult angles of the rural problem in the United States. The four-day meeting was held in the See City of the St. Cloud, Minn., Diocese and its host was the Most Rev. Joseph F. Busch, Bishop of St. Cloud.

THE place of meeting was a favorable one. Centered in one of the strongest Catholic rural territories in the United States, the task of bringing together a large crowd, and thereby assuring the inspiration that comes from a large gathering, was a simple one. Then, too, the opportunity was afforded those who came from other parts to see how a strong rural church could methodically be built in less than a century.

Pioneer Work of Father Pierz

The first Catholic German farmers came into this virgin territory in the early eighteen-fifties. They were largely attracted there by a booklet, written by the Indian missionary, Rev. Francis Pierz, and describing in vivid colors the possibilities of the new land in this northern territory. The settlers who came were not disappointed. They found fertile fields and an attractive environment. The Austrian missionary, himself, had already introduced grain and stock raising and the culture of fruit trees and garden produce.

However, Father Pierz's heart remained with the Indians. Hence, as soon as the settlers began to come into the territory he induced Benedictine monks to make a foundation among them and to care for their needs. He, himself, returned to his Chippewas.

The monks, with long centuries of agricultural tradition and experience behind them, set about their work in their usual unassuming and methodical fashion. Gratifying results speedily began to show themselves. Led on by their vow of stability, they sank their roots deep into the soil. The towers of St. John's Abbey Church soon stood at Collegeville, pointing finger-like to the sky. The Abbey farm experiment station became the center of Stearns County's first agriculture. The Abbey, itself, became the nucleus of a number of parishes. Benedictine sisters were induced to start a foundation at St. Joseph. Five settlements—St. Cloud, St. James, St. Augusta, St. Joseph, and Richmond—soon flowered forth along the Sauk and Mississippi Rivers. The building of a strong and vital rural Church was under way. Today there are forty parishes in Stearns County alone, all more or less rural in character and all with fine parish facilities.

Novel Convention Features Introduced

This year's convention was marked by several novel religious and inspirational features. For example, there were: an elaborate youth parade, community singing of appropriate rural songs, and an outdoor Mass. The writer noted with particular interest that the practice of offering of the fruits of the field at Mass, which he suggested at a meeting of Diocesan Rural Life bureau inspectors several years ago, was carried out at this Mass. This practice and a variety of others of a religious nature are still quite prevalent in Europe.

Comprehensive forums spanned a wide subject field. Rural education, social welfare, religious instruction, cooperatives, recreation, maintenance of the soil were but some of the topics discussed. Conclusions arrived at were reflected in resolutions advocating, for example, the promotion of more extended religious, economic, and hygienic facilities in rural communities, and urging further efforts to bring about price parity for the farmers.

Bishop Ryan vs. Mechanized Farming

In a message broadcast over the "National Farm and Home Hour," the president of the Conference, Most Reverend Vincent J. Ryan, Bishop of Bismarck, urged the discouragement of large scale mechanized farming, readjustment of the tax structure to encourage home ownership and discourage land speculation, and dependence upon cooperation and education to solve rural problems. In a "Credo" for the Conference, His Excellency enumerated the following as desirable: Widespread ownership "as the basis of security and independence"; a system of part-time farming for industrial workers; "readjustment of the tax structure so as to shift the unfair burden which now rests upon the farmer"; special efforts for the retention of "our more promising youths upon the land"; elevation of the economic and cultural status of farm groups to achieve this purpose; cooperation resting upon the principle of mutual help as well as upon self-interest; and a balance between government intervention to alleviate agricultural ills and the farmer's own independence.

Views of Episcopal Advisor—Bishop Meunch

The Episcopal adviser of the Conference, Most Reverend Aloisius J. Meunch, Bishop of Fargo, referred in his sermon at the opening Mass of the convention to the philosophy of a Catholic agrarianism. "Its basic principles are," His Excellency said, "that man is invested with a high dignity, the source of all his rights and liberties in a genuine democracy; that man's social nature finds in the family the first normal field for all his social thoughts and actions; that man implements his social nature best by working in cooperation with his fellows in society; and that the State has the duty of directing, stimulating and coordinating his social activities but not the duty of dominating and absorbing them."

The writer would like, before bringing these few commentary lines to a close, to express at least a few viewpoints which demand continuous and increasing study.

Viewpoints Requiring Further Study

(1) There is danger that a constant emphasis upon the favorable rural birth rate as compared with the urban rate will lead to a false sense of security regarding the rural fertility ratio. The greatest threat that is at present facing the American countryside is the suicidal practice of birth control. It is problem No. 1. A great variety of efforts are being made use of, and pressed with might and main, to make this insidious cancer eat more and more rapidly into the rural social body. Literature, speeches, teaching in educational institutions, clinics, even the perversion of that typical old institution—the country fair—all are being used to foster this devastating, unnatural vice among the rural folk and thereby to decimate their posterity. The rural birth rate is now dropping far more rapidly than the urban rate. During a recent period in

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The National Council Of Catholic Men

A Unified Laymen's Program of Prayer: Study: Action Under the Supervision of the Bishops

As one of the two divisions making up the Department of Lay Organizations of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, the National Council of Catholic Men bids most cordial welcome to His Excellency, Most Rev. Francis C. Kelley, Bishop of Oklahoma City and Tulsa, as he takes over the office of Episcopal Chairman of the Department. Bishop Kelley was named to this post by the General Meeting of the Archbishops and Bishops of the United States held in Washington, D. C., November 12 to 15, and he succeeds the Most Rev. Joseph F. Rummel, Archbishop of New Orleans, who retires in accord with the standing rule prohibiting more than five consecutive one-year terms on the Board. The Most Rev. Emmet M. Walsh, Bishop of Charleston, was renamed Assistant Episcopal Chairman, in which office he has been active since 1937.

Welcome to Bishop Kelley

Bishop Kelley is not new to an administrative post in the N. C. W. C. since he has been Treasurer of the Administrative Board for some years and will fill both this and the Lay Organizations office during the coming year. His Excellency is well known not only as the head of a Diocese, but also as a writer and lecturer and as the founder and first president of the Catholic Church Extension Society and the founder and first editor of *Extension Magazine*. A letter from His Holiness Pope Pius XII made known last month at the Society's 34th annual meeting warmly praised Bishop Kelley's work for the organization, saying it "has always been a source of great consolation to Our paternal heart." His Excellency is the author of a dozen or more books, including most recently *Blood-Drenched Altars*, *Problem Island* and *The Bishop Jots It Down*.

Especially encouraging is the fact of Bishop Kelley's interest in the lay apostolate in the form of the Catholic Evidence Guild, a movement which the National Council of Catholic Men has promoted at every turn since its inception in this country. As a matter of fact, the first public Catholic Evidence Guild meeting of record was held in Oklahoma City on April 11, 1932, with the approval of Bishop Kelley. And it was here in July, 1932, that licenses were issued to two lay speakers, the first to be issued in this country. It is in Bishop Kelley's diocese also that the first full-time training schools for Catholic Evidence Guild work were established in the summer of 1939, schools which were repeated this year. In at least one of these His Excellency took part personally.

Special thanks are owing to Archbishop Rummel for his varied frequent contributions towards the advancement of N. C. C. M. aims and activities as our Episcopal Chairman since 1937. His Excellency has not only made sacrifices of time in attending N. C. C. M. meetings but has given great encouragement to the organization and has helped many times in solving N. C. C. M. difficulties and in establishing policies.

N. C. C. M.'s Thanks to Archbishop Rummel

The record shows that during the terms of Archbishop Rummel and Bishop Walsh, N. C. C. M. has enjoyed extraordinarily productive years of radio work and has made substantial progress in its major aim of unifying the work of Catholic laymen. It has been, we believe, a continuance of the record of the Council under the Most Rev. Joseph Schrembs, Archbishop-Bishop of Cleveland, from 1920 to 1933, and the Most Rev. John F. Noll, Bishop of Ft. Wayne, from 1933 to 1937. N. C. C. M. is happy to acknowledge to Archbishop Rummel a special debt of gratitude and at the same time to hope for a continuation of his active interest in N. C. C. M. affairs which has been so invaluable in the past.

Representatives of the United States' oldest national Catholic laymen's organization, the St. Vincent de Paul Society, held their annual meeting in Chicago, November 17 to 20, in conjunction with the National Conference of Catholic Charities. They represented approximately 2,500 conferences of the Society, which trace their history in this country back to 1845.

St. Vincent de Paul Men Meet in Chicago

A meeting of the Superior Council of the Society, at which George J. Gillespie presided, was held on the day prior to the opening of the Conference. Discussion centered on the problems of administration of diocesan central councils, Particular councils and parish conferences. Personal services of the individual members in visiting homes of the poor, hospitals and penal institutions were the chief subjects at two general meetings of delegates during the Conference.

Both convening organizations were said to be "cherished as worthy evidences of devoted Catholic life in the United States of America," in a message from the Most Rev. Amleto Giovanni Cicognani, Apostolic Delegate to the United States. At the same time His Excellency warned against "certain tendencies of a pernicious order that may easily intrude themselves, such as selfish interests and purposes, patronizing and ostentatious attitudes, the desire to attract the public eye, to make a name for oneself, or to gain social importance." "The practice of true charity," he said, "is not a professional occupation, nor is it a business of the world, much less a pastime or a hobby."

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"Charity," Archbishop Cicognani declared, "is a vast and inexhaustible program of good works assigned by God to man. Under this program, inspired by the love of God, man desires and wishes effectively to assist his brethren by giving all that he can and should give; to give part of himself, to sacrifice a portion of his time, his possessions, and his deserved repose, to love even when that entails personal sacrifice."

Msgr. Sheen Recordings Offered Affiliates for Own Radio Programs

Preliminary announcement was made last month of the manufacture of a series of electrically transcribed radio programs featuring addresses by Monsignor Sheen. Using these recordings, an N. C. C. M. affiliated organization will be able to present in its own name a local radio program comparable in every way to the Catholic Hour. Twenty-four organizations have already inquired about the programs and many have completed arrangements to sponsor them. The cost will be only three dollars per program.

The addresses by Monsignor Sheen, who was described by a well-known Protestant writer as "the best-known exponent of Catholicism to non-Catholic Americans," will be transcribed on the new RCA high-fidelity orthacoustic transcription discs. The addresses run approximately ten minutes each. If you can get a fifteen-minute or thirty-minute spot from your local station—and there should be no difficulty about it—you can announce the program as sponsored by your organization, have the station engineer or announcer play a few bars of appropriate recorded music, turn on Monsignor Sheen's talk, play some more recorded music, and conclude with any announcement you wish: Invitations to listeners to submit questions or to write for copies of the talks (we are arranging for *Our Sunday Visitor* to supply them inexpensively), announcements of the local activities of your organization, etc. It will be *your* program in every respect—the name of the National Council of Catholic Men is not mentioned on the transcriptions and need not be used at all. In fact, there is nothing on the transcriptions besides Monsignor Sheen's salutation and address. You will make the introduction and all other announcements your own.

If you have a good local orchestra, choir, glee club, quartet, soloist, or organist, that you would like to get on the air, do that instead of using recorded music. If you can get a half-hour period from the station, you will be able to give the singers or instrumentalists a better chance to exercise their talents. You might even want to add a Question Box or some other special feature; e. g., a brief talk by your chaplain or some lay officer.

Six of these ten-minute transcriptions are now being made, and their use is offered to all affiliates of the National Council of Catholic Men at cost; that is, on the present basis, three dollars each. If enough local organizations begin using them to enable us to recover the present investment, we shall transcribe additional talks—by Monsignor Sheen and other Catholic Hour speakers; and if a sufficient number come to use them eventually, we shall even be able to reduce the rental fee.

Conditions for use of N. C. C. M. Recordings

Other than affiliation with N. C. C. M., only four conditions are placed on their use:

1) Proper permission from your local ecclesiastical authorities;

2) The program may be given any name the sponsoring organization desires *except* "Catholic Hour" (Catholic Quarter Hour or Half Hour, Holy Name Period, K. of C. Hour, etc., would be all right);

3) They may not be used, for the present, at least, in any community where the "live" Catholic Hour is being broadcast;

4) No duplication of the transcriptions in any one community.

Condition No. 3 is placed simply to avoid the possibility that local use of the transcribed program might completely replace the "live" program.

With respect to No. 4, in any diocese where the Bishop has erected a Diocesan Council of Catholic Men, preference must necessarily be given to the authorized local unit of the Diocesan Council. Otherwise, as far as respects any community in which there is more than one N. C. C. M. affiliate, the rule will be "first come, first served."

The first program will be a Christmas address—"The Homeless at Home"—for use during the week of December 19-25. Those who cannot make all necessary arrangements by that time can begin with the second transcription—"Whence Come Wars?"—which is being made in such a way that it can just as well serve as the inaugural program.

N. C. C. M. Officials Take Part in N. C. C. W. Meeting

Both the president and executive secretary of the National Council of Catholic Men were among those taking part in the 20th annual convention of the National Council of Catholic Women held in Detroit October 26 to 30. Wilbert J. O'Neill, president, conveyed the greetings of the Council to the N. C. C. W. at the dinner which climaxed the sessions. Edward J. Heffron, executive secretary, asked for cooperation by members and local units of N. C. C. W. in the broadcast of the Catholic Hour. Among the means urged by Mr. Heffron were: (1) To express appreciation to the managers of local stations carrying the program; (2) to manifest interest in the program to those NBC station managers who could but do not presently carry the broadcast and to urge that they arrange to do so when a change can be made; (3) to publicize the broadcast through every means available.

List of Cooperating and Non-Cooperating Stations Available

In this address at the N. C. C. W. convention, Mr. Heffron supplied his hearers with lists of the 107 network stations that are carrying the Catholic Hour and of those which could carry the program, but are not. Precise suggestions as to how to aid in keeping and extending this splendid network are appended to the lists. Additional copies are available to CATHOLIC ACTION readers on request.

THE CATHOLIC RADIO BUREAU

Hints to Friends of the Catholic Hour

Unusual interest has already been manifested in the new Catholic Hour series to be begun by Monsignor Sheen on December 15. Arrangements have been made for the mailing or the distribution of some 33,000 leaflets and postal cards descriptive of the series. Four thousand will be mailed by the Detroit Council of Catholic Organizations alone, and 2,500 will be distributed by the Brooklyn Catholic Charities office.

Additional copies of the postal card announcements are available on request to anyone interested in publicizing the talks among friends and others in local communities. These are intended for mailing by individuals or organizations and must be addressed and stamped with one-cent postage by the sender.

Mailing the postal cards is a most effective way of

securing new listeners to the Catholic Hour's important messages. However, there are other methods which we hope our friends will adopt in addition. Word of mouth is the best kind of advertisement. Weekly announcements from pulpits, in parish bulletins, in Catholic and secular papers, at Catholic meetings and functions also are productive of new listeners.

We heartily recommend to all CATHOLIC ACTION readers that they not overlook this oportunity to bring friends and acquaintances and other persons of their communities into contact with the Catholic Hour. To National Council of Catholic Men affiliates in particular, who are in a sense sponsors of the program, we appeal for aid in order that the Catholic Hour may continue and increase the work which, in the words of the Holy Father, it is doing so efficaciously to promote God's glory.

Monsignor Sheen Begins New Series in Catholic Hour

The Right Reverend Monsignor Fulton J. Sheen will return to the Catholic Hour on Sunday, December 15, to continue until Easter, 1941, in his eleventh annual series of addresses. Monsignor Sheen will take up where he left off with his series last spring on *Peace the Fruit of Justice*—the most popular series of religious broadcasts ever made. The general subject of the series this year, which will consist of nineteen addresses, will be "Guilt." The titles of the individual sermons will be as follows:

December 15—"The Spirit that Makes War."
December 22—"War and the Shattering of Illusions."
December 29—"The Alpha and Omega."
January 5—"Conditions for a Just War."
January 12—"War as a Judgment of God."
January 19—"The Universality of the Judgment."
January 26—"What Are We Fighting For?"
February 2—"Is Our Program Reactionary or Liberal?"
February 9—"Democracy and Religion."
February 16—"The Masses and God."
February 23—"Papacy and International Order."
March 2—"Anti-Christ."
March 9—"The Reality of Sin."
March 16—"Our Inner Conflict."
March 23—"The Spirit of Penance."
March 30—"The Spirit of Faith."
April 6—"Redemption."
April 11—"The Crucifixion."
April 13—"Hope."

The Catholic Hour is presently carried by 108 stations in 41 states, the District of Columbia, and Hawaii, making it the most extensive religious broadcast in the world. It is produced by the National Council of Catholic Men and broadcast as a public service feature of the National Broadcasting Company and its independent associated stations.

Monsignor Sheen's series of addresses last year was one of the epochal events in the history of Catholic apologetics in the United States and a definite "first" in religious radio. Nearly a third of a million letters were received from members of the radio audience during this series. Stanley High, prominent Protestant writer, said: "No other strictly religious program has a comparable following"; and of Monsignor Sheen he writes that he is "the best-known exponent of Catholicism to non-Catholic Americans." *The Living Church*, weekly periodical of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in reviewing this series of broadcasts said: "Monsignor Sheen is salutary and inspiring . . . keen discriminations again and again help to lessen our facile dependence on unanalyzed slogans. . . . Incidently, one welcomes the spirited and enlightened defense of the Taylor appointment to the Vatican, against the foolish Protestant assertion that the separation of Church and State is endangered thereby."

When a semi-official spokesman of the Protestant Church and an official organ of the Protestant Church can be led to such statements, the Catholic Hour has, indeed, achieved its purpose; that is, in the words of F. J. Sheed (used in another connection), "not . . . to prove other people wrong, nor even to prove Catholicism right, but simply to render it intelligible."

K. of C. Vote $3,000 for Catholic Hour

We are happy to report that the Supreme Board of Directors of the Knights of Columbus, at their quarterly meeting in October, renewed their annual subscription of $3,000 towards the maintenance of the Catholic Hour. Each year since the Catholic Hour was inaugurated, the Knights of Columbus have cooperated most generously and whole-heartedly in meeting the expenses of the program. The Order has been far and away the largest contributor to the broadcasts, its subscriptions to date having reached the figure of $37,000.

Realizing that it would have been extremely difficult, if not impossible, to have kept the Catholic Hour on the air during the past eleven years without this help, we wish to extend our most sincere thanks to the leaders and membership of the Order and to take this means of insuring that Catholic Hour friends are aware of the part played by the Knights of Columbus in bringing this program to them each week. In announcing this aid from the Supreme Council, we cannot fail to note as well the cooperation received from local divisions of the Order. Four hundred forty-three local Councils are presently affiliated with the N. C. C. M., all of which are thereby participating in Catholic Hour and other N. C. C. M. aims, particularly that of federating all Catholic laymen's organizations in the United States, and unifying and assisting their work.

We are not only exceedingly grateful for these instances of material aid, but view them as votes of confidence in the continued effectiveness of our program, which has had by far its most successful year in the period just closed. We sincerely trust that the record of the Catholic Hour during the coming year may be full warrant for the extraordinary support and interest thus far received.

THE CATHOLIC EVIDENCE BUREAU

The C. E. G. of Buffalo —W. Paul Dearing

At one time or another during recent years, this Catholic Evidence Bureau section has published the stories of the beginning, development and current programs of each of the Catholic Evidence Guilds in operation throughout the United States. In the case of the Catholic Evidence Guild of Buffalo, however, only a few brief stories have been printed. It is a pleasure, therefore, to round out the roster with the following article written by W. Paul Dearing, president of the Buffalo Guild:

The Buffalo Catholic Evidence Guild was organized in 1935 with the approbation of the late Bishop of the diocese, His Excellency Most Rev. William Turner.

Realizing its members would not be prepared to begin street speaking activities themselves the first summer, the Buffalo unit sponsored a series of six open-air lectures by David Goldstein, prominent convert and author. The series was held in one of the city parks and attracted audiences varying from 150 to nearly 600 persons.

The following year a series of 25 15-minute radio broadcasts on Sunday afternoons was presented from Station WBNY in an effort to give C. E. G. members some speaking experience and to acquaint the public with the existence and purpose of the guild. The series was well received.

The programs included an introduction and two-minute explanation of the Evidence Guild by the moderator, a 10-minute talk on a fundamental Catholic dogma, followed by three or four minutes of question-and-answer dialogue.

From the beginning, the Buffalo guild had as one of its objectives, the establishment of a Catholic newsstand and pamphlet rack on a "help yourself' 'basis on a downtown street corner. The third summer (1937) saw this project realized and a second radio series begun. Meanwhile the guild conducted an annual retreat for its members each June, established the Sunday within the octave of the Feast of the conversion of St. Paul for its annual communion and breakfast, and each year dispatched delegates to the National Catholic Evidence Conference to keep in close touch with Evidence Guild progress in other parts of the country.

In September, 1937, the Buffalo Guild was host to the national conference.

As the guild entered its fourth year, actual plans were entertained for the conduct, the following summer, of outdoor pitches in the Buffalo parks. Speakers who addressed the members during the period of incubation included Frank J. Sheed, Mrs. Maisie Ward Sheed, Rev. Daniel A. Lord, S.J., Rev. Francis P. LeBuffe, S.J., moderator of the New York Guild; Rev. John J. McGinn, and Rev. Charles A. Hart, moderator of the Washington, D. C., Guild.

The first summer, the Buffalo Guild held 13 outdoor Sunday evening meetings and attracted park audiences averaging about 25 to 50 persons. Six laymen were licensed as speakers and one as a chairman. Meetings were opened at 7:30 p. m. by the moderator or a guest chairman, seven of whom were local priests. The chairman delivered a brief explanation of the guild's attempt, via the street corner and park platform method, to correct misunderstandings prevalent about the Catholic Church and to answer the questions of listeners. As a rule, two guildsmen followed this five-minute introduction with talks of 20 to 30 minutes duration. The chairman then brought the meeting to a close with a half-hour address of his own and a final question period.

During the past summer the Buffalo Guild conducted 26 open-air street meetings in downtown Buffalo and two illustrated lectures in a public park in cooperation with the Catholic Evidence Guild of St. Bonaventure College at Olean, N. Y., in the Buffalo diocese. The illustrated lectures—the first of that type attempted here—were very successful. One of them attracted a throng of close to 300 persons on an evening that threatened to bring a heavy thundershower. Lightning flashed in the sky repeatedly but the audience tarried, as if spellbound, to the end.

The downtown meetings were held Wednesday and Sunday evenings in Lafayette Square, in the heart of the business district. Street-cars clattered by on all sides almost continually, making a good deal of shouting necessary on the part of the speakers. Some shouted while others paused, interrupting their talks, but the crowd manifested its keen interest in Catholic information by being patient. (The traction company by next Summer will have installed buses in place of the street-cars—a changeover none will appreciate more than the Buffalo Guildsman.)

Crowds at the downtown pitch averaged from 100 to 350 persons and appeared to be only about half Catholic. Questions were plentiful and there was no evidence of heckling.

The guild attempted another experiment this year with the cooperation of prominent Catholic laymen of the city who were not members of the organization. Seven men, including a city judge, a college professor and two attorneys, delivered 10-minute explanations of such Catholic subjects as the rosary, the meaning of the sign of the cross, relics, medals, vestments, parochial schools, statues and holy water. These speakers were not required to pass an examination but were not allowed to take questions.

Greatest problem of the guild is securing new members. At present there are but 10 licensed speakers and about four or five more potential speakers. It is necessary to keep recalling to mind the fact that there were but 12 Apostles and only one St. Paul!

Papal Delegate Praises C. E. G. Work at Evidence Conference

Members of the Catholic Evidence Movement in the United States were honored and encouraged in their street speaking and other evidence activities by the presence and messages of both the Apostolic Delegate to the United States, the Most Rev. Amleto Giovanni Cicognani, and the Archbishop of New York, Most Rev. Francis J. Spellman, at the Saturday afternoon session of the National Catholic Evidence Conference held in New York November 16 and 17. Their contributions were the highlight of a conference made notable in many ways and warmly extolled by the delegates who came from 37 cities in eight States and the District of Columbia.

Archbishop Cicognani noted the extent of street speaking in both city and rural areas and spoke of it as a "very efficient means of evangelization." His Excellency recalled that the Apostles, the first Bishops and the first priests, following the example of Our Lord Himself, spoke in the roads and in the streets, and there met the blind, the deaf, the lepers and the many who were in urgent need of religion, for most of them would have found it extremely difficult to go to church. Remarking that the street speakers are usually much more exposed than are priests preaching in churches, he said it was his wish and his prayer that the speakers might carry the zeal of their faith to places where priests find it difficult to go.

Archbishop Spellman told attendants at the conference that they were performing an apostolic work, adding that there are some types of work lay persons can accomplish better than priests. He said he was very proud of the Catholic Evidence Guild of New York.

A model Catholic Evidence Meeting was held as part of the session attended by Archbishops Cicognani and Spellman. Speakers from Evidence Guilds in New York, Cincinnati, Buffalo, Philadelphia and Baltimore mounted a regular C. E. G. stand, gave typical talks and answered questions and objections. Karl H. Rogers, retiring president of the Conference, presided at the first session on Saturday morning which comprised a forum on new techniques used in the various Guilds and other evidence organizations.

Delegates to the Conference assisted at Mass according to the Byzantine Rite on Sunday morning and afterwards attended a Communion breakfast at the Commodore Hotel, headquarters of the Conference. Edward J. Heffron, N. C. C. M. executive secretary, was toastmaster and the Rev. Daniel A. Lord, S.J., national secretary, Sodality of Our Lady, and Hon. Michael T. Walsh, secretary of state for the State of New York, were the speakers. Father Lord suggested "that some of the psychological methods of modern advertising might be employed in presenting Catholic teachings to the masses." He said these methods are smart, because they are based "on a simple fact which we are prone to forget," that is, that "man is a creature composed of body and soul." "We are always trying to take the soul out of the body and treat it by itself and talk to it," he added.

Three Catholic priests prominent in radio broadcasting compared notes in the concluding round-table discussion Sunday afternoon at which Dr. Franklin Dunham, Educational Director of the National Broadcasting Company, presided. They were the Rev. Wilfrid Parsons, S.J., professor of Sociology at the Catholic University of America; the Rev. James M. Gillis, C.S.P., editor of *The Catholic World;* and the Rev. Michael J. Ahearn, S.J., of Weston College, Boston, founder and conductor of the "Catholic Question Box."

Harry J. Kirk, president of the Washington Guild, was elected to the presidency of the National Conference, succeeding Mr. Rogers. Marius Risley, of the St. Bonaventure College Evidence Guild, was named vice president, succeeding Dr. John G. Bowen, Washington Guild member and N. C. C. M. field secretary. Thomas J. Diviney was re-elected secretary-treasurer. Other members of the Board are: W. Paul Dearing, Buffalo; Karl Rogers, Narberth, Pa.; H. J. Tholen, Hays, Kans.; Sara Campbell, Baltimore; and John McAniff, New York City.

CATHOLIC WOMEN *in* CATHOLIC ACTION

A Section Recording the Interests and Accomplishments of the

NATIONAL COUNCIL *of* CATHOLIC WOMEN

Visit of Inter-American Commission of Women

DELEGATES to the N. C. C. W.'s National Convention had the great pleasure of meeting Senora Ana Rosa de Martinez Guerrero, of Buenos Aires, Argentina, chairman of the Inter-American Commission of Women.

During the days of November 11, 12, and 13, the members of the Inter-American Commission held their first meeting in Washington, D. C.

On November 14, the National Council of Catholic Women was hostess to the group at a buffet luncheon held at the National Catholic School of Social Service. Preceding the luncheon, the members of the Commission were taken on a sightseeing trip of Washington, visiting The Catholic University of America, Trinity College, and Georgetown University.

Miss Mary Graham Hawks, past president of the National Council of Catholic Women and chairman of the Committee on International Relations, representing Mrs. James W. McCollum, national president, welcomed the delegates at the luncheon. Most Rev. John F. O'Hara, Military Delegate of the Army and Navy Ordinariate, spoke on South America. Both Miss Hawks and Bishop O'Hara expressed the hope that this event represented the beginning of a much closer cooperation between the Catholic women of North, Central and South American countries.

Members of the Commission who attended the luncheon included: Senora Ana Rosa de Martinez Guerrero, Argentina, chairman; Senorita Minerva Bernardino, Dominican Republic, vice chairman; Senora Carmen Bustamente de Lozada, Bolivia; Senora Maria de Aya, Colombia; Senora Elena Mederos de Gonzalez, Cuba; Senora Maria de Recinos, Guatemala; Senora Amalia Caballero de Castillo Ledon, Mexico; and Miss Mary Winslow, United States.

Other visitors from Argentina included Dr. and Mrs. R. Detchessarry, Senorita Rodriguez Brizuela and Senorita Amalia Urquiola.

Most Rev. Sidney M. Metzger, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe, was an honor guest. Prominent members of the clergy present included Rt. Rev. Msgr. Michael J. Ready, Rev. Dr. Howard J. Carroll, Rt. Rev. Msgr. John A. Ryan and the Rev. Raymond A. McGowan—all from the National Catholic Welfare Conference; Rev. Lucian L. Lauerman, director of the National Catholic School of Social Service; Rt. Rev. Msgr. Fulton J. Sheen; the Rev. John J. McClafferty.

Members of the Congressional and Government Services who attended were: Senator John A. Danaher, Connecticut; Miss Jane Hoey and Miss Rose McHugh, Social Security Agency; Mrs. Elizabeth Shirley Enochs and Miss Beatrice McConnell, Children's Bureau; Miss Louise McGuire, Wages and Hours Division, Department of Labor.

The guests also included staff members of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, faculty and students of the National Catholic School of Social Service, officers and members of the Washington Auxiliary, National Catholic School of Social Service, and representatives of the Christ Child Society, Catholic Daughters of America, Daughters of Isabella and the International Federation of Catholic Alumnae.

N. C. C. W. Committee on Christmas Shrines Reports Increasing Interest

"WITH 75,000,000 in the United States belonging to no church, who won't listen to services or sermons, or arguments, we are asking for illuminated outdoor shrines and cribs." Thus requested Mrs. John Bell Hood, Jonesboro, Miss., National Chairman of the Committee on Shrines in the Home, at the national convention in Detroit, "for some of these 75,000,000 may be touched by the silent sermons when the Christmas heavenly message descends on earth, 'Glory to God in the highest and peace on earth to men of good will.' You will do your part this Christmas in your parish, in your diocese, for even ONE convert in every parish would be a glorious gift to the manger Child.

"It is impossible to tabulate or give definite statistics on spiritual activities, for the best and greatest results are so often written in the soul, and the final account written in heaven, where expert accountants keep the records accurate."

That many of our diocesan councils are planning to increase the number of outdoor cribs this year is evidenced in the replies received to a questionnaire which has just been sent out. Dioceses responding immediately include Des Moines, Detroit, Duluth, Fort Wayne, Green Bay, Helena, LaCrosse, Lincoln, Little Rock, Monterey-Fresno, Nashville, Natchez, New Orleans, Oklahoma City-Tulsa, Pittsburgh, Portland, Me., Portland, Oreg., St. Augustine, St. Louis, Santa Fe, Savannah-Atlanta, Spokane, and Springfield.

The outdoor cribs vary from illuminated shrines, with life-size figures, made of plywood, hand-carved wood, or concrete, even to live figures. Some of these have as a background the natural setting of a cave. Others are mounted on floats. Even billboard depictions of the nativity scene are displayed.

One chairman reported: "We have a little mining town here, Madrid, N. Mex., near Santa Fe, where the whole town is turned into another Bethlehem. On the mountain sides they have the crib, angels, Wise Men, shepherds and real live sheep, and all this scene is very beautifully lighted. . . . This little town is so famous for its Christmas scenes that people travel from all parts of New Mexico and Colorado to see it."

Under Catholic auspices, cribs are located on the grounds of such institutions as orphanages, homes for the aged, houses of the Good Shepherd, on parish and church grounds, parish schools, high schools and colleges, in chapels, and in homes. One diocesan council group makes a pilgrimage to home shrines.

An increasing number of cribs are being displayed in downtown areas and in public parks. Cribs have been sponsored by public service companies, moving and storage

companies, lumber companies, in bank windows, and in store windows. Outdoor cribs have been erected in city parks, court house squares, main highways, hospital grounds, on top of buildings, in garden centers, and one city has a Christmas tree lane in which there is erected a nativity scene. Public libraries have also had indoor crib scenes. The public schools have not only displayed cribs, but their art departments have helped in the construction of cribs. One school devotes the month of December to this project.

Pageants and pantomimes are enacted at these cribs. Both Catholics and non-Catholics sing Christmas carols and hymns. In some places phonograph records are played.

Much of the success of this work is due to the zeal of the diocesan chairmen of the Committee on Shrines in the Home. Not only have the chairmen been in constant communication with their deanery chairmen, sending several letters during one season, but they have also secured time on the radio to tell about their project.

Our national chairman, Mrs. Hood, reminds us of the words of St. Teresa: "Christ has no body now on earth but yours, no hands but yours, no feet but yours; yours are the eyes through which is to shine forth Christ's compassion on the world, yours are the feet with which He is to go about doing good, and yours are the hands with which He is to bless us now."

Kansas City Holds First Youth Congress

EVERY seat was taken in the Mason-Halpin field house of Rockhurst College, Kansas City, Mo., when the delegates of the Catholic Youth Councils, with the men and women sponsors, assembled for the first annual youth congress at the call of Most Rev. Edwin V. O'Hara, Bishop of Kansas City.

The sessions began with Pontifical High Mass, celebrated by Bishop O'Hara. Ten priests distributed Communion to the delegates.

Most Rev. Francis C. Kelley, Bishop of Oklahoma City-Tulsa, preached the sermon at the Mass. Rev. Paul F. Tanner, assistant director of the Catholic Youth Department, N. C. W. C., participated in the sessions.

The morning session was devoted to the election of officers and members of the Board of Directors of the Youth Councils. Delegates, representing more than 90 parishes and missions in the diocese, elected by the youth themselves in each parish, elected 14 young men and 14 young women, one from each division of the diocese, to be members of the Diocesan Board of Directors. These elected the Diocesan Youth Council officers.

In the afternoon there were panel discussions on the themes of the Congress—"The Rights and Duties of Citizenship" and "Liberty and Democracy." The discussions were animated, constructive and indicative of clear thinking. A contest in parliamentary law, in which parish teams competed for *The Register* trophy, was the closing event of the Congress.

Youth themselves, with the N. C. C. W. and N. C. C. M. chairmen of youth acting as sponsors, will plan and carry out the program of the year. In order to aid parish units, the Board of Directors and youth chairmen will visit all parishes in the 14 divisions of the diocese.

The Rev. B. J. Hale is diocesan youth director; Miss Anne Sarachon Hooley is diocesan youth chairman of the Women's Council; and Mr. Joseph Scanlon, diocesan youth chairman of the Men's Council.

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which the city rate dropped 5 per cent the rural rate dropped 12 per cent. Almost universally near cities the rural rate is very low. The entire corn belt, one of the largest and best farm regions in the United States, has an unnaturally low rate. Only here and there are still seen a few small population "peaks"—evidence, perhaps, of a cluster of Catholic parishes such as one finds in Stearns County, Minnesota.

(2) Attention should be directed to effective methods for building a strong rural Church, namely, the motor mission, based on full-time, organized effort, such as that put forth by the Paulist Fathers in Tennessee and by diocesan and regular clergy in other communities.

(3) Attention was given at the recent conference to the question of the lure of youth to the city. Yet, studies tell us that fully 2,000,000 youth, who would normally have gone to the city, have not departed from the countryside the past decade or so, but are stranded—"backed up"—on the land. The vital problem for serious thought and discussion is how to get these young folks established on the land.

(4) Possibly a more vital farm problem of the moment than a tendency toward corporation farming is the size of our farms generally. So long as they remain their present average size will there be little room for much growth in the number of farm families. Last year, in the corn belt, 25,000 farmers could not find farms either to buy or to rent. A bit of simple arithmetic—perhaps too simple—would show that, if our farms, averaging about 200 acres, will care for six and a half million farm families, averaging 100 acres they would care for thirteen million families. Incidentally, few European countries have farms that average half or even one-fourth of the latter acreage.

(5) Attendance, program, inspiration, education are all important convention items. The final test of success of a convention, however, is the local action that results in the manifold parishes and communities of the country. A highly important fact to keep in mind is that while the rural population of the United States grew by almost two millions during the past decade there is little if any evidence that the Catholic rural population advanced any beyond its earlier proportion to the Catholic urban population. The 1936 census, published in the spring of 1940, puts the percentages of rural and urban Catholics, respectively, at 19.4 per cent and 80.6 per cent.

By invitation of the Most Reverend John J. Glennon, Archbishop of St. Louis, the 1941 convention will convene in Jefferson City, Missouri. His Excellency was host to the conference the first time it assembled. A very unusual rural program has been developed in his archdiocese since that meeting in 1923.

N. C. C. W. Issues Pamphlet On "Role of Leaders"

A pamphlet entitled "The Role of Leaders," presenting a comprehensive manual for guidance in training for lay leadership, has been published by the National Council of Catholic Women.

Dedicated to "the Catholic women of our country, who courageously accept the difficult and necessary task of leadership," the pamphlet is an adaptation of the booklet *Responsabilites et Role des Dirigeantes*, by Mlle. Christine de Hemptinne, International President of the Youth Section of the International Union of Catholic Women's Leagues. In the booklet, Mlle. de Hemptinne set forth her experiences gained through years of leadership of Catholic lay activities and the training of the lay leaders.

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